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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

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TRANSFORMING ASSAM

THE YEAR THAT WAS

"Assam is known for its vibrant culture and talented people. Powered by a collective spirit, Assam is scaling new heights of progress in various sectors. The good governance initiatives of the state government have positively impacted several lives."

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Empowering One Lakh Youth

- Fulfilling the promise of time-bound recruitment
- Two Recruitment Commissions already set up for Grade - III & Grade - IV posts
- More than 23,000 appointment letters ready for distribution across departments on 14 May 2022
- Remaining appointments to be completed soon

End of Insurgency

- 2000 odd militants have re-joined the mainstream
- KPLT, KLNLF, UPLA, PDCK, DNLA, UGPO & TLA have given up arms
- 9 militant groups - AANLA, BCF, APA, STF, ACMA, KLA/KLO, HPC(D), UKDA & KRA have signed Suspension of Operations agreements
- AFSPA withdrawn from 23 districts due to improvement in law and order, which is 66% of Assam's geography

Harmonious North East

- MoU signed with Meghalaya to end 50-year-old boundary issue
- Process has begun to resolve border dispute with Arunachal Pradesh
- Talks initiated also with Nagaland & Mizoram to resolve decades old border dispute

Relief to Women Microfinance Borrowers

- 1st State to introduce Microfinance Incentive and Relief Scheme , 2021 to alleviate distress and sufferings of more than 25 Lakh women borrowers
- Incentive of ₹ 1,600 Crores already extended to 9 Lakh borrowers in Category 1
- In Category 2 & 3, almost 16 lacs borrowers with overdue repayment and NPAs to be provided with full or partial relief making them credit worthy again

Towards Achieving 24 X 7 Quality Power

- Turnaround of Power Utility companies - APDCL, AEGCL & APGCL - from loss making to profitability
- Distribution network strengthened - new substations installed & capacities of existing substations augmented
- ₹ 10,000 Crore sanctioned under three Externally Aided Projects to augment power generation, transmission & distribution sector
- ₹ 8,727 Crore sanctioned under GOI Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme for improvement of DISCOM

Zero Tolerance Against Crime

- Crime rate per lakh population has fallen drastically from 384 to 222
- Case pendency has reduced majorly
- The War Against Drugs rages hard with 2,834 cases, 4,838 Narcos arrested & drugs worth ₹550 Crores seized
- Human Trafficking networks hit & 250 Victims rescued
- Anti-Cattle Smuggling Ops continue unabated with 992 arrests & around 10,000 cattle rescued

Rising GSDP

- Despite COVID, Assam recorded an impressive 13.89% YOY growth in GSDP during the FY 2021-22
- During 2022-23, Assam GSDP is projected to touch a historic ₹ 5 Lakh Crore, thus contributing significantly to the national growth

Fiscal Health Bolstered

- Adoption of prudent fiscal management practices, meticulous planning of expenditure including large scale procurement reforms: overall budgetary expenditure has seen marked improvement
- During the FY 2021-22, for the first time ever total expenditure crossed ₹ 1 Lakh Crore, a substantial jump from ₹ 42,000 Crore during 2015-16

Healing Touch

- Approx 4.5 Crore COVID vaccine doses administered in the state
- All COVID Victims provided with financial assistance ranging from ₹ 50,000 to ₹ 2.5 Lakhs
- 7 state of the art cancer hospitals inaugurated
- 16 new medical colleges, 8 under various stages of construction

Digitalisation For and Of the People

- More than 8 Lakh applications disposed on Mission Basundhara, an online portal for land issues
- Mission Sadbhavna, a one-time initiative to dispose all pending citizen centric matters in Assam Secretariat by August 2022
- Notified services available online to citizens in a time-bound manner through the newly launched Right to Public Services Portal
- Kritagyata, an online portal to ensure timely disbursement of pensions

Assam on the Move

- Substantial investment in capital projects in sectors such as Roads and Bridge, Water Supply and Sewerage, Power sector, Public Health Emergency, Agriculture
- Capital investment during 2021-22 stands at ₹ 20,000 Crore
- Externally Aided Projects worth ₹ 16,843 Crore under implementation for much needed infrastructure thrust

Government with a Difference

- One Cabinet Meeting every month outside the State Capital
- Every six months DCs & SPs Conference outside the State HQ
- One Minister & one senior officer assigned as Guardian Minister & Guardian Secretary to spend sufficient time in the District

Welfare of Farmers & Tea Tribes

- Minimum Support Price assured to farmers at ₹ 1,940 per quintal
- No. of Paddy Procurement Centers, New mills, Godowns, Driers increased manifold
- Steps taken to procure every grain
- Rise in minimum wage for tea garden workers

And the journey continues...

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NEARBY

26 hurt after KSRTC bus rams into metro pillar

BENGALURU

Twenty-six passengers suffered injuries after a Karnataka State Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus rammed into a metro pillar on Mysuru Road. Among them, five passengers sustained severe injuries. The incident happened around 1.30 a.m. on Monday near Bangalore University gate. The bus (KA 09 F 5230) was coming from Mysuru.

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Report potholes on 'Fix My Street' app

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The public can now report potholes to the BBMP on the 'FixMyStreet' mobile application, which will be thrown open from next Monday. Once ratified by a civic official, the app will automatically generate a work order to fill them.

"If the pothole is new (i.e. not mapped in the app), it will have to be certified by the jurisdictional assistant engineer. Once certified, the work order gets generated automatically. In case of major roads, it will go to the 'Python' contractor, who has been entrusted with maintenance of 182 km of arterial and sub-arterial roads. In case of other stretches, the work order will get sent to the hot mix plant," Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, after a review meeting with zonal chief engineers.

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Amid rising violence, Mahinda Rajapaksa quits as Sri Lanka PM

Resignation accepted, Cabinet dissolved; three die in clashes, buildings torched

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa resigned on Monday, his office said, hours after his supporters brutally assaulted peaceful anti-government protesters amid a worsening economic crisis in the island.

The resignation was accepted, according to a gazette notification, and consequently, the Cabinet stands dissolved as per the Sri Lankan Constitution.

Three persons died outside the capital in ensuing clashes, while at least 150 were injured in Colombo. Government MP Amarakeerthi Athukorala reportedly shot two persons and then himself after being surrounded by a mob in the neighbouring Gampaha district, the police told AFP. Homes of several ruling party lawmakers were torched, while some among anti-government protesters assaulted government supporters who turned up in Colombo, amid escalating violence on the streets.

Raging dissent: Vehicles set ablaze in front of outgoing PM Mahinda Rajapaksa's official residence in Colombo. • AFP

An AFP reporter said shots were fired from inside the Sri Lankan Prime Minister's official residence Temple Trees, as thousands of protesters breached the main gate and torched a truck at the entrance. The police also fired tear gas to push back protesters retaliating against an attack on them earlier in the day by those loyal to Mr. Mahinda.

Police sources confirmed that shots were fired in the air to prevent the crowd breaching the inner security ring of the residence where Mr. Mahinda was holed up.

Witnesses saw several tear gas cannisters hit the U.S. embassy compound located across from the residence, which is a key symbol of state power in the south Asian island.

Ancestral home torched

Violence escalated outside capital Colombo, with several incidents of vandalism and torching of government lawmakers' homes reported. A mob targeted the controversial Rajapaksa memorial monument in Medamulana, the ruling clan's ancestral village in the southern Hambantota district, and razed it to the ground, according to the police. The Rajapaksas' ancestral home was also set on fire.

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Rupee hits a new low amid dollar outflow

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

The rupee on Monday fell to an all-time low of 77.44 against the U.S. dollar due to a sell-off in equities amid concerns over weakening global growth prospects, outflow of the dollar and on fears of further monetary tightening by central banks to counter rising inflation. The previous closing low for the rupee was 77.09, seen on March 7.

"A sell-off in the global equity markets which was triggered by the hike in interest rates by the U.S. Federal Reserve, the war in Europe and growth concerns in China due to the COVID-19, led to the rupee depreciation," Emkay Global Financial Services said.

Pramit Brahmbhatt, CEO, Veracity Financial Services Private Ltd., said, "Continuous high crude prices is causing the outflow of dollars. The correction in equity markets is also causing adverse flow."

We will reconsider sedition law: Centre

Affidavit in SC indicates shift in stance

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Monday informed the Supreme Court of its decision to "reexamine" and "reconsider" the sedition law in the background of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's belief that the nation should work harder to shed "colonial baggage", including outdated laws, while celebrating 75 years of Independence under the banner of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

"The Government of India, being fully cognisant of various views being expressed on the subject of sedition and also having considered the concerns of civil liberties and human rights, while committed to maintain and protect the sovereignty and integrity of this great nation, has decided to reexamine and reconsider the provisions of Section 124A (sedition) of the Indian Penal Code, which can only be done before the competent forum," a seven-paragraph affidavit said.

The Home Ministry urged the court to wait till the government completes the exercise of reconsideration of the law before "appropriate forum".

The affidavit has been filed just a few days after the government submitted a note in the Supreme Court supporting a 60-year-old Supreme Court judgment upholding the validity of the sedition law.

Giving an insight into its rather radical shifting of position, the Ministry on Monday referred to the "clear and unequivocal" views expressed by the Prime Minister in favour of "protection of civil liberties and respect for human rights".

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Anti-encroachment drive stalled in Delhi

Security personnel and residents at the Shaheen Bagh area in New Delhi during the anti- encroachment drive on Monday. • R. V. MOORTHY

Shaheen Bagh residents put up stiff resistance; SC refuses to intervene

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
MUNEEF KHAN
NEW DELHI

The national capital witnessed another round of 'bulldozer politics' on Monday after the BJP-ruled South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) scheduled an anti-encroachment drive at Shaheen Bagh, the epicentre of a three-month-long agitation against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act beginning December 2019.

While the Supreme Court, unlike the previous instance when the North Delhi Municipal Corporation carried out demolitions in Jahangirpuri last month, refused to interfere or stay the exercise on a petition by the CPI(M)'s Delhi unit, the drive was halted due to stiff resistance from residents of Shaheen Bagh as hundreds of people gathered on the streets and atop buildings.

A senior SDMC official also said the encroachments that were previously found along the stretch were found to be "already removed".

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HC links Union Minister's threat to killings in Lakhimpur Kheri

OMAR RASHID
LUCKNOW

The Lakhimpur Kheri incident of last October, in which eight persons, including four farmers, were killed, might not have taken place had Union Minister Ajay Mishra Teni not made utterances threatening local farmers, the Allahabad High Court said on Monday.

The court made the observation while rejecting the bail pleas of four co-accused of prime accused Ashish Mishra, the Minister's son, in the mowing down of four farmers and one journalist on October 3, 2021 in Tikonia. The court said there was "overwhelming evidence" against each of the four accused Sumit Jaiswal, Ankit Das, Shishpal and Lavkush.

Ajay Mishra Teni

While rejecting the bail plea of Ankit Das, the grandson of former U.P. CM Babu Banarasi Das, Justice Dinesh Kumar Singh observed, "Political persons holding high offices, should make public utterances in a decent language considering the repercussions in society."

On September 25, 2021, while warning farmers (protesting against the three farm laws) to "mend themselves", Mr. Mishra said that if they failed to do so, it would not take him more than two minutes to "mend them himself". This statement allegedly triggered the protests by farmers on October 3.

Govt. to issue guidelines on loudspeaker use

We will implement Supreme Court order strictly, says Araga Jnanendra

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

As Sri Rama Sene on Monday launched a campaign against azaan (public call for prayer) by singing bhajans early in the morning in temples using mikes, the State Government said that it would lay down guidelines for use of loudspeakers in public places in the next couple of days.

Monday saw Sene activists singing bhajans, Hanuman Chalisa or Suprabhata in some temples to "counter" azaan.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra told presspersons in Shivamogga that "The Supreme Court has already given its order on the use of loudspeakers in public places. We will issue guidelines to monitor the use of loudspeakers in two days. The Karnataka Government has also issued an order in this respect in 2002. We will initiate action to implement it strictly." He said: "Guidelines will be issued specifying the decibel level to be followed in residential, industrial, and commercial areas. The guidelines will address among other issues the need for a licence for those using the loudspeaker throughout the year." All those specifications in the guidelines will be strictly implemented, he added.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that the State Government would take action to implement the Supreme Court ruling and the earlier orders of the Centre and State Government on use of loudspeakers in public places.

"These are being followed in other States, including Uttar Pradesh. We have consulted the Advocate-General and the Law Department on the matter," the Chief Minister said in Bengaluru.

"The Karnataka Government has also issued an order in 2002 in this respect. The Central Government has issued a directive based on the Central Pollution Control Board that details the decibel level in loudspeaker. The Karnataka Government in 2000 issued an order to follow the Centre's directive. We have decided to follow these government orders and Supreme Court direction," he said.

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'Asani' set to weaken near Odisha coast

Cyclonic storm triggers heavy rain on east coast; 11 stranded fishermen rescued

THE HINDU BUREAU
KOLKATA/BHUBANESWAR

Severe cyclonic storm 'Asani', which is moving towards the east coast, packing winds above 105 kmph and setting off heavy rain, is likely to recurve in a north-eastward direction and weaken gradually into a cyclonic storm, the India Meteorological Department said on Monday.

According to the IMD, the storm, lying over west-central and adjoining South Bay of Bengal, moved nearly north-westwards with a speed of 16 kmph in six hours and lay centred over west-central Bay of Bengal about 860 km west-northwest of Port Blair (Andaman Islands), 410 km southeast of Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) and 590 km south of Puri (Odisha).

Unsafe shore: Fishermen carrying nets to safety as strong winds lashed the Visakhapatnam coast on Monday. • K.R. DEEPAK

"It is very likely to move north-westwards till May 10 and reach west-central and adjoining northwest Bay of Bengal off north Andhra Pradesh and Odisha coasts. Thereafter, it is very likely to recurve north-northeast wards and move towards northwest Bay of Bengal off Odisha coast. It is likely to weaken gradually into a cyclonic storm in the next 24 hours," the IMD said in a bulletin.

In Odisha, 11 fishermen stranded on a boat that developed a snag were airlifted by helicopter of the Indian Coast Guard off Ganjam.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Children in need

9.3 In million, the number of Syrian children in need of aid both inside the country and in the wider region where they have fled since a devastating civil war erupted over a decade ago. According to the United Nations, funding for them is "dwindling." "Syria's children have suffered for far too long and should not suffer any longer," the UN children's agency said in a statement. Syria's war is estimated to have killed nearly half a million people and displaced millions since it began with anti-government protests in 2011. AFP

More killings

60 The number of people feared to be dead on Sunday after a Russian bomb flattened a school being used as a shelter, according to Ukrainian officials. While Moscow's forces pressed their attack on defenders inside Mariupol's steel plant in an apparent race to capture the city ahead of Russia's victory day holiday, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said he was "appalled" by the reported school bombing in the village of Bilohorivka and called it another reminder that "it is civilians that pay the highest price" in war. AP

Grain exports

1.09 In million tonnes, the amount of grain exported by Ukraine in April despite the war between the country and Russia from February this year, according to Agriculture Minister Mykola Solskyi. Ukraine has sown about seven million hectares of spring crops so far, 25-30% less than in the corresponding period of 2021. He underlined the importance of exports of Ukrainian grain via Romania while Russia is blockading ports, but said those exports could be complicated in the next two months. REUTERS

CPEC projects delayed

3 The number of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects completed out of the 15 to be completed by Pakistan, and is running behind schedule, according to a report by the *Express Tribune* on Sunday. Out of the $60 billion worth of projects, only projects worth three million dollars have been completed in Gwadar. The ambitious CPEC is a 3,000-km long route of infrastructure projects connecting China's northwest Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and the Gwadar Port in the western Pakistan province of Balochistan. PTI

Wheat prices surge

13 In percentage, the surge in the all-India average price of wheat flour in retail markets when compared to the year-ago period with the price standing at ₹32.91 per kilogram (kg). The average retail price of wheat flour was ₹29.14 per kg on May 8, 2021. The consumer affairs Ministry data showed that the maximum price of wheat was ₹59 per kg, while the minimum and modal prices were ₹22 per kg and ₹28 per kg respectively. Meanwhile, the government has revised the estimate for wheat production by 5.7% from its earlier projection. PTI

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EXPLAINER

The search algorithm in action

Why are algorithms used by dominant search engines becoming a privacy threat? Do algorithms 'filter' the internet according to user patterns?

THE GIST

- An algorithm, essentially, is a series of instructions. Tech giant Alphabet Inc's Google, whose flagship product is the Google search engine, is the dominant player in the search market.
- Algorithms are often built using historical data and for specific functions. Once developed, they go through frequent updates from companies for quality enhancement. Any changes or updates in their algorithms could also mean that traffic is steered away from certain sites and businesses, which could have a negative effect on their revenue.
- Firms can use these algorithms to change the way they rank products on websites, prioritising their own products and excluding competitors. Some of these concerns have caught the eye of regulators.

ISHAN PATRA

The story so far: Algorithms play a crucial role for search engines as they process millions of web searches every day. With the quantity of information available on the internet growing steadily, search algorithms are becoming increasingly complex, raising privacy and other concerns and drawing the attention of regulators. Last month, U.K.'s digital watchdog said they will take a closer look at algorithms, seeking views on the benefits and risks of how sites and apps use algorithms, as well as inputs on auditing algorithms, the current landscape and the role of regulators.

How do search algorithms work?
An algorithm, essentially, is a series of instructions. It can be used to perform a calculation, find answers to a question or solve a problem. Search engines use a number of algorithms to perform different functions prior to displaying relevant results to an individual's search request.

Tech giant Alphabet Inc's Google, whose flagship product is the Google search engine, is the dominant player in the search market. Its search engine provides results to consumers with the help of its ranking systems, which are composed of a broad set of algorithms, that sort through web pages in its search index to find the most appropriate results in quick time. Its search algorithms consider several factors, including the words and expressions of a user's query, relevance and usability of pages, expertise of sources, and the user's location and settings, according to the firm.

While Google captures a significant chunk of the general search market, there are alternative search engines such as Microsoft's Bing and DuckDuckGo available for users to explore. The latter, a privacy-focused search engine, claims it does not collect or share users' personal information.

In January, market leader Google generated 61.4% of all core search queries in the U.S., according to database company Statista. During the same period of time, Microsoft sites handled a quarter of all search queries in the U.S.

As the algorithms used to deliver results would vary from one search engine to another, when a user inputs a query, the results would also differ. Moreover, results from different users would be rarely similar, even when searching for the same things, since the algorithms take into account multiple factors, like their location.

How are they developed?
Algorithms are often built using historical data and for specific functions. Once developed, they go through frequent updates from the companies to enhance the quality of search engine results presented to users. Most large search engine providers also bank on machine learning to automatically improve their users' search experience, essentially by identifying patterns in previous decisions to make future ones.

Over the years, Google has developed search algorithms and updated them constantly, with some major updates like Panda, Penguin, Hummingbird, RankBrain, Medic, Pigeon, and Payday, meant to enhance some function or address some issue. In March, it introduced another update to improve the search engine's ability to identify high-quality product reviews.

Search engines exert huge control over which sites consumers can find. Any changes or updates in their algorithms could also mean that traffic is steered away from certain sites and businesses, which could have a negative effect on their revenue.

What are the concerns?
The search giant's trackers have allegedly been found on majority of the top million websites, as per a DuckDuckGo blog post. "This means they are not only tracking what you search for, [but] they're also tracking which websites you visit, and using all your data for ads that follow you around the internet," it added.

According to a Council of Europe study, the use of data from profiles, including those established based on data collected by search algorithms and search engines, directly affects the right to a person's informational self-determination. Most of Google's revenues stem from advertisements, such as those it shows consumers in response to a search query.

DuckDuckGo, in addition to providing an alternative to Google's search engine, offers mobile apps and desktop browser extensions to protect users' privacy while browsing the web. The privacy-focused firm, in a blog post, said that editorialised results, informed by the personal information Google has on people (like their search, browsing, and purchase history), puts them in a "Filter Bubble" based on what Google's algorithms think they are most likely to click on.

What's the current state of these algorithms?
These search algorithms can be used to personalise services in ways that are difficult to detect, leading to search results that can be manipulated to reduce choice or artificially change consumers' perceptions.

Additionally, firms can also use these algorithms to change the way they rank products on websites, prioritising their own products and excluding competitors. Some of these concerns have caught the eye of regulators and as a result these search algorithms have come under their scrutiny.

The European Commission has fined Google €2.42 billion for abusing its market dominance as a search engine by giving an illegal advantage to another Google product, its comparison-shopping service.

Moreover, under the Commission's proposal on the Digital Services Act, transparency measures for online platforms on a variety of issues, including the algorithms used for recommending content or products to users are expected to come into force.

"Majority of algorithms used by private firms online are currently subject to little or no regulatory oversight," U.K.'s Competition and Markets Authority has said earlier in a statement, adding that "more monitoring and action is required by regulators."

EXPLAINER

The standard model of particle physics gets a jolt

What does the CDF measurement of W boson mass imply for physics?

THE GIST

- On April 7, researchers from Collider Detector at Fermilab (CDF) Collaboration, in the U.S., announced that they have made a precise measurement of the mass of the W boson. They stated that this precisely determined value did not match with the estimates from the standard model of particle physics.
- The recent experiment which measured the mass of the W boson as 80,433.5 +/- 9.4 Mev/c2 is more than what is expected from the standard model. The expected value using the standard model is 80,357 +/- 8 MeV/c2. This implies the incompleteness of the standard model description.
- This mass discrepancy of the W boson needs to be checked and confirmed to the same accuracy by other research facilities.

SHUBASHREE DESIKAN

The story so far: On April 7, researchers from Collider Detector at Fermilab (CDF) Collaboration, in the U.S., announced, through a paper in *Science*, that they have made a precise measurement of the mass of the so-called W boson. They stated that this precisely determined value did not match with what was expected from estimates using the standard model of particle physics. This result is highly significant because this implies the incompleteness of the standard model description. This is a major claim, since the standard model has been extraordinarily successful in the past decades. Hence, physicists are looking for corroboration from other, independent, future experiments.

What is the standard model of elementary particle physics?
The standard model of elementary particles is a theoretical construct in physics that describes particles of matter and their interaction. It is a description that views the elementary particles of the world as being connected by mathematical symmetries, just as an object and its mirror image are connected by a bilateral (left-right) symmetry. These are mathematical groups generated by continuous transformations from, say, one particle to another. According to this model there are a finite number of fundamental particles which are represented by the characteristic "eigen" states of these groups. The particles predicted by the model, such as the Z boson, have been seen in experiments and the last to be discovered, in 2012, was the Higgs boson which gives mass to the heavy particles.

Why is the standard model believed to be incomplete?
The standard model is thought to be incomplete because it gives a unified picture of only three of the four fundamental forces of nature – electromagnetic, weak nuclear, strong nuclear and gravitational interactions – it totally omits gravity. So, in the grand plan of unifying all forces so that a single equation would describe all the interactions of matter, the standard model was found to be lacking.

The other gap in the standard model is that it does not include a description of dark matter particles. So far these have been detected only through their gravitational pull on surrounding matter.

How are the symmetries related to particles?
The symmetries of the standard model are known as gauge symmetries, as they are generated by "gauge transformations" which are a set of continuous

transformations (like rotation is a continuous transformation). Each symmetry is associated with a gauge boson.

For example, the gauge boson associated with electromagnetic interactions is the photon. The gauge bosons associated with weak interactions are the W and Z bosons. There are two W bosons – W^+ and W^-.

Inspired by the success of quantum electrodynamics, in the sixties, Sheldon Glashow, Abdus Salam and Steven Weinberg developed the similar but more general, 'electroweak', theory in which they predicted these three particles and how they mediated the weak interactions. They were given the Nobel prize for their efforts in 1979. The W boson was first seen in 1983 at CERN, located in the Franco-Swiss border. Unlike the photon, which is massless, the W bosons are quite massive, which results in the force they mediate – the weak force – being very short ranged.

Unlike the photon, which is electrically neutral, the W-plus and W-minus are both massive and charged. By exchanging such W bosons, a neutron can change into a proton, for example. This is what happens in beta decay, a radioactive interaction that takes place in the sun. Thus, the W boson facilitates the interactions that make the sun burn and produce energy.

What is the main result of the recent experiment? What is the discrepancy they obtained?
The recent experiment at CDF, which measured the mass of the W boson as 80,433.5 +/- 9.4 Mev/c^2, which is approximately 80 times the mass of a hydrogen nucleus, showed this to be more than what is expected from the standard model. The expected value using the standard model is 80,357 +/- 8 MeV/c^2 . This is estimated from a combination of analytical calculations and high-precision experimental observation of a few parameters that go into the calculation like the W boson mass, strength of the electromagnetic interaction, Fermi constant, Higgs boson mass and Top quark mass. Thus, the W boson mass itself is a prediction of the standard model. Therefore, any discrepancy in its mass means a lack of self-consistency in the standard model.

However, this is not the last word, as the mass discrepancy of the W boson needs to be checked and confirmed to the same accuracy by other facilities, for example, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC).

Where do we stand now in terms of new physics?
New physics is in the air, and experiments have been gearing up for some years now to detect new particles. The Large Hadron Collider itself has been revamped for "Run3" that will carry out special experiments to look for physics beyond the standard model. A Perspective article by Claudio Campagnari and Martijn Mulders in *Science* points out several high-precision experiments which are in the pipeline such as the International Linear Collider in Japan, the Compact Linear Collider and the Future Circular Collider in CERN, the Circular Electron-Positron Collider in China etc. With its high-precision determination of the W boson mass, the CDF has struck at the heart of the standard model, so it is a significant finding and if this is confirmed by the LHC and other experiments, it will throw open the field for ideas and experiment.

EDUCATION HUB

A Business Initiative

SDM University conducts workshop

The Department of Central Research Laboratory, SDM Medical College, recently conducted a highly-specialized workshop titled "Hands-on Training on Cell Culture and Molecular Biology Techniques" for budding scientists and researchers. There were 23 research scholars from premier institutions in Karnataka and Goa who attended the workshop. The Chief Guest, Dr. Mahadeva Prasanna, Dean- Research & Development, Indian Institute of Technology(IIT), Dharwad, told the young scientists and researchers that they would have to take active involvement in the different kinds of research as that would give them ample opportunities to grow. Dr. SK Joshi, pro-vice-chancellor, academics, presided over the inaugural function. Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, Vice Principal, SDM Medical College, welcomed the guests and Dr. Vishwas Kaveeshwar, Head, Innovations, and Workshop Coordinator, gave the overview of the workshop. Dr. Chidendra M Shettar, Registrar, SDM University, presided over the valedictory function. Mr. Babanna Shettigar, Chief Public Relations Officer, conducted the programme and proposed a Vote of Thanks.

11th anniversary of Garden City Puraskar

The School of Indian and Foreign Languages at Garden City University hosted the 11th Anniversary of Garden City Puraskar recently. Nine renowned personalities, eminent leaders, motivational speakers and artists par excellence, who had been nominated through a three-tier process, were awarded the prestigious Garden City Puraskar at the event. The event was graced by the Chancellor of Garden City University, His Excellency Dr Joseph V. G. who is the Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Maldives in Bengaluru.

Dance festival held in city

The biggest national inter-collegiate dance festival, 'Nrityanjali 2022' was organized by the Literary and Cultural Association of Kristu Jayanti College Autonomous recently. Shri Mohamed Farouk, Regional Director, South, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and Nritya Choodamani Vid. Vyjayanthi Kashi, former Chairperson of Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy and Director, Shambhavi School of Dance, were the chief guests for the national dance festival. More than 20 colleges from across the country participated in the national dance festival. Delivering the presidential address, Father Dr Augustine George, Principal, Kristu Jayanti College Autonomous, recollected the journey that 'Nrityanjali' had made from being an intra-collegiate dance festival to being a national level flagship dance competition. Delivering the inaugural address, Shri. Mohamed Farouk, Regional Director, South, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, said, "India has a rich and diverse culture comprising 22 languages, 1042 dialects and 147 dance forms. Dance and sports are important forms of activity for good physical health." Nritya Choodamani Vid. Vyjayanthi Kashi, Former Chairperson of Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy and Director, Shambhavi School of Dance, pointed out that Nrityanjali is one of the few prominent dance festivals in Bangalore.

Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship celebrates 26th convocation

Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship, Bangalore celebrated its 26th convocation recently. Ms. Daisy Chittilapilly, President, CISCO - India and SAARC countries, was the Chief Guest of the event. President of XIME society - Anil Philip welcomed the Chief Guest and all who were present for the convocation ceremony. Director Dr. M Nellaiappan presented the annual report for the academic session. Students received their degrees from the Founder of XIME and Chairman - XIME Bangalore, Prof. J Philip & President, Mr. Anil Philip. 172 students of the class of 2020-22 graduated with PGDM approved by the Board of Governors. The class of 2022, i.e., the 26th Batch of XIME Bangalore, had 60% girl students, and, interestingly, 12 of the 13 awards were won by them

Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences, Madikeri

(Government of Karnataka - Reg Autonous Institute)
Phone : 08272 220606 Website : www.kimskodagu.kar.nic.in
e-mail: directormckodagu@gmail.com

Ref : No. ME/2022-23/IND: Date: 07.05.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Kodagu institute of Medical Sciences, Madikeri invites e-tender notification in two Tender document systems from eligible Tenders through e- procurement portal, Government of Karnataka, to run Canteens at KoIMS & Teaching Hospital, KOIMS, Madikeri. The Tenderers can download the documents from https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from **09.05.2022** at 10.00 AM, and last date for up load of tender is **09.06.2022**, at 5.00 PM with EMD, for more information Please contact under singed or from website-**https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Dean & Director, KOIMS, Madikeri

CITY CORPORATION BELAGAVI

No/CCB/PWD/SWM/TND/E-proc-02/2022-23 Dated:07-05-2022

E-PROCUREMENT RETENDER NOTIFICATION

The Commissioner, City Corporation Belagavi invites tenders for procurment of vehicles and machineris for Solid waste management for 3 works and 2 developmental works are invited as per the standard tender documents through E-procurement portal for further details visit online web site https:/www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. and participate in tender.

Sd/- Commissioner
City Corporation Belagavi

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-216/MCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SEE/Tr(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-35/22-23/442-44 Dt: 07.05.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry no.: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/Repair of Tfr/EPR-218/Call-6 Date: 07.05.2022 for the work of **"Dismantling, transportation (To & fro), Repair of Faulty power transformer, testing, assembling, erection and commissioning of repaired power transformer of rating 8MVA, 66/11kV, ASHOKA make, Sl.No.5031, lying at 66/11kV Hullenahalli Substation in TL&SS, Division, KPTCL, Nelamangala on Total Turnkey Basis"** on percentage tender basis.

The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **10.05.2022**.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), Trans. (Maint.), Ramanagara Circle, KPTCL, 220/66/11kV Vrushabhavati Valley Station, Mysuru Road, Bengaluru-39.

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur Hassan District.

Short Term Tender Notification No:03/2022-23
Date:05.05.2022

The Executive Engineer, CNNL., Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur-573120 Hassan Taluk Hassan Dist., As Per KW-3 and KW-4, invited Item rate Short term tender (Two covers) through e- procurement only vide No. 03/2022-23, dated 05.05.2022 on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from the eligible contractors of PWD Class-III and above of any State /Central Government / Public Sector organization. Details:-6 works costing 1) Max Approx., Cost put to tender Rs. 169.86 Lakhs, 2). Min Approx., Cost put to tender Rs. Rs. 84.48 Lakhs, EMD as Prescribed in eportal, The contractor can have access e-tender documents from 12.05.2022 to 19.05.2022 through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment (Non Refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by E - portal (2) Opening of Technical bid (Cover-I) 20.05.2022 at 10.00 AM onwards. (If possible) (3)Cover-II (Financial bid) will be opened after approval of Technical bid from the competent authority. For further information etc., contact in the undersigned office during working hours or through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in (Department).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur

ಮಾಪ್ರಸಂ/ಹಾಸನ/ಸಿಎ/95/2022-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಲಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಇಲಾಖೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಕೃಮೇಯೋ, ಪುನರ್ವಸತಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ.3, ಜಮಖಂಡಿ, (ಕಡಕೋಳ ಪುನರ್ವಸತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ) ಇವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ.

ಸಂಕೃಮೇಯೋ/ಪುವಿ-3/ಯೋ.ವಿ-3/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2022-23/124 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 09.05.2022

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

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ವಾಪ್ರಸಂ/ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ/ಸಿಎ/87/2022-23

ಕೋವಿಡ್-19: ಆತಂಕ ಬೇಡ ಮುನ್ನೆಚ್ಚರಿಕೆ ಇರಲಿ.

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Yelahanka Division, Bengaluru - 560 064.

No.BBMP/EE/YNK.D/E-PMT/03/2022-23 Date: 09.05.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (KW-1)

The Executive Engineer, Yelahanka Division, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the works detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of work (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon period (01.06.2022 to 30.09.2022) in Yelahanka Sub Division.	8.00	20,000/-
2	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon period (01.06.2022 to 30.09.2022) in Yelahanka Satellite Town Sub Division.	8.00	20,000/-

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal. 2) Last date for submitting of tenders: **17.05.2022 upto 16.00 Hrs.** 3) Opening of Technical bids and Financial Proposals: **19.05.2022 after 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or e-Procurement Helpdesk at 080-22485867 / 22485927 or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Yelahanka Division.

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Shanthinagar Division, P.U. Building, 9th Floor, M.G. Road, Bengaluru-560001

No.: EE/SN/TEND/03/2022-23 Date: 09.05.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Only through e-Procurement Portal)

The Executive Engineer (Shanthinagar Division), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders form eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for the construction of works detailed in the table below. **(Standard Tender Document - K/W-1)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon Period (01.06.2022 to 30.09.2022) in Shanthinagara Sub Division.	8.00	20,000/-
2	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon Period (01.06.2022 to 30.09.2022) in Domlur Sub Division.	8.00	20,000/-

Calender of events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **10.05.2022. (2)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m.** on **17.05.2022** and the opening of tenders will be on **19.05.2022** at **4:00 p.m.** if possible or next working day. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Shanthinagar Division, BBMP

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Government of Karnataka

KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & DIRECTOR, BANDIPUR TIGER RESERVE, BANDIPUR, GUNDLUPET TALUK, GUNDLUPET
Ph. : 08229-236043/60 Email : directorbtrtr@gmail.com
Web.:www.bandipurtigerreserve.in

No. A5/Land/R & M/CR-14/CEPB/2022-23 Dated : 30-04-2022

PRESS NOTE

The Bandipur Tiger Reserve call for Various Post on adhoc basis **1. Wildlife Biologist conducting research monitoring on wildlife (Flora and Fauna), 2. Facilitator for EDC and MAC Mitigation, 3. Education Officer (EO) for Eco-Tourism and conducting nature education camps** for the Bandipur Wildlife Research, Monitoring and Learning Centre (Wildlife RML Centre) under Bandipur Tiger Conservation Foundation. These Post are purely Contractual and will be as per the contract conditions. The more details can be obtained from the official websites of Bandipur Tiger Reserve **https://www.bandipurtigerreserve.in**

Sd/- Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Project Tiger, Bandipur

DIPR:CHANAGAR:77:2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Chickpet Division, 8th Main, 2nd Block Jayanagar, Kanakanapalya, Bengaluru-560011.

No: EE/CKP/E-PROC/02/2022-23 Date: 09-05-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)

(Single Cover) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Executive Engineer (Chickpet Division), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the works as detailed below.

(Standard Tender Document - KW1/KW2/KW3/KW4)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Mansoon Period (01-06-2022 to 30-09-2022) in Kempegowda Nagara Sub Division.	8.00	20000.00
2	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Mansoon Period (01-06-2022 to 30-09-2022) in Hombegowda Nagara Sub Division.	8.00	20000.00

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. 2)** Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is **17-05-2022 upto 4.00 PM. 3)** Date of Opening of Tenders on **19-05-2022 at 11.30 AM.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Chikkpet Division, BBMP.

PAY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, HELP TO DEVELOP BENGALURU

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KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

49, Parisara Bhavana, 1st to 5th Floor, Church Street, Bengaluru - 560 001, Karnataka, INDIA.
Ph: 080-2558 6520 / 2558 9112, Fax: 080-2558 6321
Email: ho@kspcb.gov.in Website: www.kspcb.karnataka.gov.in

NO.PCB/128/SEO/MINES/EPH/2022-23/818 Date: 09-05-2022

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (A Govt or Karnataka Undertaking), has proposed to undertake Quarrying of Ordinary Sand mining from the Tungabhadra River bed (Mannur Sand Block (Block No – BLY – OSB – 10)) with, capacity of 1,43,444 TPA over an area 45 Acres in Government Land adjacent at Sy.No. 259(P), Mannur Village, SiraguppaTaluk, Ballari District. The project has to obtain Environmental Clearance from SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, as per the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 (as amended on 01.12.2009), and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing. As per the SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, Terms of Reference letter (ToR) No. SEIAA 426 MIN 2021 dated: 06-12-2021 and request of the project proponent letter dated 05-02-2022, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the Board.

The details of the project are as follows:

1. Name of the Company & Address: Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (A Govt or Karnataka Undertaking) TTMC Building, 'A' Block, 5th Floor, BMTC K H Road, Shanthinagar, Bangalore - 560027

2. Proposed project Location : Sy.No. 259(P), Mannur Village, SiraguppaTaluk, Ballari District.

3. Details of proposed activity: Quarrying of Ordinary Sand of capacity 1,43,444 TPA.

4. Pollution control measures: Water sprinkling is done on road regularly, Avenue plantations, loaded vehicle will be covered with tarpaulin, regular road maintenance, green belt formation etc. Ground water recharging pit in consultation with land owner. Rain water harvesting work, rejuvenation of catchment area towards up stream of the sand block, gully plug and check dam. Garland drain to be formed to avoid rain water into working places. Regular maintenance of vehicle, green belt development, proper road gradient maintenance etc. Awareness will be imparted to the workers about the permissible noise levels and maximum and maximum exposure to those levels.

5. Date, time and venue of public hearing: 09.06.2022 (Thursday) at 11:00 AM at the proposed project site of Sy.No. 259(P), Mannur Village, SiraguppaTaluk, Ballari District.

6. Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a)Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari District (b) Chief Executive Officer, ZillaPanchayat, Ballari (c) District Industries Centre, Ballari (d) Taluk Panchayath, Siraguppa (e) Tahsildar Office, Siraguppa (f) Village Panchayath Office, Sugur Village (g) Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ballari (h) SEIAA, Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 706, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru – 560 001 (i) HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification. They can also make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Ballari District, Ballari). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our **Website: kspcb.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
MEMBER SECRETARY

AVOID USE OF PLASTICS, BE ECO-FRIENDLY

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, RR Nagara Zone, No.144, 2nd Main, Jagajyothi Layout, Bengaluru-560 056.

No.EE/KEN/TEND/02/2022-23 Date: 09-05-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) Call-1 (Tender Notification) (Single Cover System)

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, BBMP, Bengaluru, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No	Name of the Work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rupees)
1.	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon Period (01/06/2022 to 30/09/2022) in Herohalli Sub Division.	8.00	20,000/-
2.	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon Period (01/06/2022 to 30/09/2022) in Kengeri Sub Division.	8.00	20,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of GOK from **09-05-2022, 4:00 p.m. (2)** Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders : **17-05-2022 upto 4:00 p.m. (3)** Opening of Bids: **19-05-2022 at 4:00 p.m.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, BBMP.

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, BBMP Building, BSK 3rd Stage, C.K Achukattu, Vidyapeeta, Benglauru - 560 085.

No: EE(BG)/e-Proc/04/2022-23 Date: 09.05.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Single Cover)

Tenders on Item Rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the works mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or Equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Estimated Cost of Work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	Annual Maintenance of Ward Roads in Ward No-154 (Call-3)	22.00	44,000/-
2.	Annual Maintenance of Roads Works in Ward No-155 Hanumanthanagara (Call-3)	20.00	55,000/-
3.	Annual Maintenance of the Roads in Ward No-163 Kathariguppe (Call-3)	20.00	55,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents available from **13.05.2022** onwards. (2) Last Date & time for uploading the tender is **23.05.2022** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Opening of Tender Document will be on **24.05.2022** at **4:30** pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division

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Registered Office: Flat No 21, Cunningham Apartments, Edward Road, Bangalore - 560052, email: internationalservices45@gmail.com
CIN: U70102KA1975PTC002734,

Form No. INC-26

[Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]
Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the company from one state to another

Before the Regional Director (Central Government)
South East Region, Hyderabad

In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

AND In the matter of **Loganadan Investments Private Limited**, Petitioner having its registered office at, Flat No 21, Cunningham Apartments, Edward Road, Bangalore - 560052.

Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra ordinary general meeting held on 16th March 2022 to enable the company to change its Registered Office from "State of Karnataka" to "STATE OF TAMILNADU".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, South East Region at the address Shri. Mr. B K Mohanty, 3rd Floor, Corporate Bhavan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattiannaram Village, Hayat Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad-500068, Telangana within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office address of the Company.

For and on behalf of applicant
Loganadan Investments Private Limited
Sd/-
Arvind Gopinath
Director
DIN: 01367948

Date:10.05.2022
Place: Bangalore

Three arrested; pistol, petrol bombs recovered

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Hennur police on Monday arrested three habitual offenders and recovered a countrymade pistol, 10 petrol bombs, and other weapons from them.

The accused, identified as Syed Asghar, Fayazulla, and Munawwar, had allegedly stored the weapons to attack their rival, Mohammed Azeemuddin, a rowdy-sheeter from Saraipalya.

The police said that the accused confessed that they had an old rivalry with Azeemuddin. Further investigation revealed that Azeemuddin had forced Fayazulla to vacate a house and he incurred losses of several lakhs.

In order to avenge the humiliation, Fayazulla ganged up with Asghar and Munawwar to attack Azeemuddin, the police said.

Drug peddling: Man arrested

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Seshadripuram police on Monday arrested a 30-year-old man from Odisha and recovered 20 kg of marijuana from him.

The accused, Shamanand Digal, was caught while he was allegedly waiting for his client. According to the police, the accused confessed that he sourced the drugs from his contacts in Odisha and sold it to Rafiqh, a local peddler.

Better quality mangoes to start arriving in markets soon

After two years, corporation will hold mango mela in the last week of May

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

There is some good news for mango lovers. A better quality of the king of fruits will start arriving at markets soon. Though delayed by nearly a month, the better quality of table varieties will soon be available, albeit in smaller quantities than before.

For the fourth consecutive year, mango production in the State has been hit. According to estimates, by Karnataka State Mango Development and Marketing Corporation Ltd., the yield this year will be around 8 lakh tonnes, against the normal 13-15 lakh tonnes.

However, K. Srinivas Gowda, president of Chickballapur Mango Growers' Association, disagreed and claimed the total yield would be far lesser, at just around 4 lakh tonnes.

C.G. Nagaraju, managing director of the mango corporation, attributed the low production to unseasonal heavy rains till December last year. This delayed the flowering to February. Also, due to high moisture content, the flowering quality was also affected. The rains also brought in physiological changes in the trees, leading to more vegetative growth, which affected fruit formation. As a result, the arrival of mangoes in the market was delayed. Usually, the fruits from Ramanagaram and surrounding areas reach the market by April, followed by Kolar and surrounding areas. This year, owing to unseasonal rains, the Ramanagaram cycle synchronised with the Kolar cycle. "This also means that mangoes may be available for an extended period this year," he said.

According to estimates by Karnataka State Mango Development and Marketing Corporation Ltd., the yield this year will be around 8 lakh tonnes, against the normal of 13-15 lakh tonnes. • AFP

Enlisting farmers

After a break of two years, the mango corporation will be holding the mango mela in the last week of May. Over the past two years, following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the mela was held online, as the corporation pushed online sales and sales through linkages with various apartments across the city. The corporation has begun enlisting farmers and suppliers for the mela. "To ensure more sales, the corporation is looking to finalise the dates for the mela around the two-day weekend at the end of May," sources said.

'Mango picking tourism'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka State Mango Development and Marketing Corporation Ltd. will soon start the registration for 'mango picking tourism'.

C.G. Nagaraju, managing director of the corporation, told *The Hindu* that registration will be possible on the corporation's website in a couple of days.

Those who register will be able to go to farms in peri-urban areas, pick mangoes, and purchase them.

"There was a good response to this initiative from senior citizens and their grandchildren," he said.

Gusty winds damage shelter at newly constructed stadium

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Just over two months after it was inaugurated, the shelter over the spectators' gallery at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee stadium in H.S.R. Layout came down during the heavy winds on Sunday evening. The stadium was inaugurated by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on March 1. This has raised questions over the poor quality of civic works in the city.

The canopy of a newly-built stadium at H.S.R. Layout which collapsed following rain in Bengaluru.

It is only recently that the Karnataka State Contractors' Association alleged that the "40% kickbacks" in contracts in the State had made the quality of works suffer.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will be staging a protest at the stadium questioning the poor quality of work and the misuse of public funds on Tuesday.

The AAP also alleged that the ruling BJP members attacked its members who questioned the poor quality of works.

Kavitha Reddy, Congress member and resident of H.S.R. Layout, said the stadium was inaugurated in haste by Mr. Bommai at the behest of the local MLA. "The stadium was constructed despite opposition by local residents," she said.

Tushar Giri Nath, Chief Commissioner of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), admitted to the poor quality of work executed at the stadium. "The structure should have withstood the gusty winds. We will inquire into the incident to ascertain reasons for the damaged gallery shelter," he said, and added that the contractor concerned would be directed to rebuild the entire structure at his own cost.

He also said action would be initiated against the contractor and BBMP officials concerned.

Pub raided

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The J.B. Nagar police raided a pub situated in the area on Sunday and detained 35 persons allegedly involved in a late-night party. Two suspected peddlers, identified as Senthil and Harikrishna, were detained for questioning.

COFMOW (INDIAN RAILWAYS)

NOTICE DATED: 10 05.2022

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Central Organisation for Modernisation of Workshops(COFMOW) on behalf of Ministry of Railways is in process of procurement of Test Rig for IRAB Air Brake Valves for Locomotives (02 Nos) & Microprocessor Based Test Bench for Panel Mounted Brake System for LHB Coaches(01 No.).

Parties interested may please go through the specification & special conditions Attached (Available on COFMOW website www.cofmow.indianrailways.gov.in)

A vendor meet shall be organised on 13.05.2022 at 1100 Hrs in conference hall of COFMOW. Interested supplier may please attend the same with their queries/suggestion on the specification & special conditions.

Queries may be sent in advance on dycme4-rly@cofmow.railnet.gov.in latest by 12.05.2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is informed that my clients **Subhankar Nath Sharma S/o. Pradip Nath Sharma** and **Anurupa Debnath, W/o. Subhankar Nath Sharma** intends to purchase the property described in the Schedule from M/s. Siddha Builders (hereinafter Owner/Seller). The owner/ seller represents and warrant that it is the absolute owner of the schedule property and that it has not conveyed or entered into any Agreement to Sell/ MOU with any other person/s, for sale/transfer of the schedule property and that the owner/seller further represents and warrants that it has not encumbered, mortgaged or created any lien on the schedule property in any manner and apart from it no other person/s, includes Firm or Company having any sort of right, title or claim over the schedule property. Any person/s having any objection/s or claim/s shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s, claim/s, within **Seven (07) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my clients shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Apartment No.B-202 (3 BHK), on Second Floor, in **"Sraddha Lake Front"** measuring SBA of 1565 sqft, constructed on Sy no.99/1, 99/2, and 103/3 totally measuring **1 acre 24.35 guntas,** converted for residential use, situated at **Hoodi Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Tq,** under BBMP limits,

Prashanth B.K, Advocate,
No.17, Sir M V 2nd Cross, Kalkere Main Road, Ramamurthynagar
Bengaluru-560016 M : 09900056401
Bengaluru Date : 10-05-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is given to the public that my client have lost the original Registered Confirmation Deed: 31.03.1999 Registered vide Document bearing No. BNG(U)ANKL/8/99-2000, in Book No.1 in the office of the Sub Registrar, Anekal relating to agricultural property bearing Sy No.29 measuring 2 Acre 20Guntas situated at Chikka Nagamangala Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk. If anybody found the said Confirmation Deed 31.03.1999, kindly hand over to me Sri S. Venugopal Naidu, S/o Nagamma Naidu, R/a No. 9/A, 1St A Cross, 32nd Main, Bhavani Layout, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru- 560 085.

PAVAN. G.N
MN Associates Advocates
#8, Sunaga Arcade, 3rd Floor, 1st main, 8th Cross, Sampangirama Nagar, B'lore-27

Date: 09-05-2022
Place: Bangalore

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020

CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the e-Auction Notification No. BDA/EM/e-Auction/T-01/2022-23 dated 07.04.2022 published in this newspaper on 08.04.2022 due to a technical error, in e-procurement website, the sites of Sl. No. 574 to 608 were mentioned as (3rd Phase) Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout Block-3. It should be read as (3rd Phase) Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout Block-4. The other terms and conditions remain the same. BDA regrets for the inconvenience.

Sd/- Engineer Member, BDA, Bengaluru

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560068.

No: BBMP/EE/BD/Tend-01/2022-23 **Date: 09-05-2022**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)-(SHORT TERM)
(Single Cover Tender) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with KPWD / CPWD / BWSSB / Railways/ MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the works detailed below.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-1)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Mansoon Period (01-06-2022 to 30-09-2022) at Ward No. 174 and 190 in HSR Sub Division - **(Others)**	8.00	20000.00
2	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Mansoon Period (01-06-2022 to 30-09-2022) at Ward No. 175, 188 and 189 in Bommanahalli Sub Division - **(Others)**	8.00	20000.00
3	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Mansoon Period (01-06-2022 to 30-09-2022) at Ward No. 186, 187 and 193 in Arakere Sub Division - **(Others)**	8.00	20000.00

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 10-05-2022.** 2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 16.00 Hrs. on 17-05-2022.** 3) Technical Bids will be Opened **on 19-05-2022 at 16.30 Hrs. onwards at the office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, BBMP.

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KISHOR C, R/a No 13/2, 1st floor, 2nd Cross, Srirampuram, Bangalore North-560021 have changed my name to Kishor K.C vide affidavit dt: 09.05.2022 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, B'lore.

I, SUSHIL Kumar Kothari, R/a No.42/5, B 1st Flr, Ranga Rao Rd, Shankarpuram, B'lore-04 have changed my minor Son's name from Aadithya Sushil Kothari @ Aaditya Kothari to Adithya Sushil Kothari, vide affidavit dt: 06.05.2022 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'lore

I, SUSHIL Kumar Kothari, R/a No.42/5, B 1st Flr, Ranga Rao Rd, Shankarpuram, B'lore-04 have changed my minor Daughter's name from Deeksha Kothari to Deeksha Sushil Kothari @ Deeksha S Kothari, (both the names Deeksha Sushil Kothari @ Deeksha S Kothari belongs to one and the same person) vide affidavit dt: 19.04.2022 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'lore

I, Army No. 2592920 K. P. Sampath Kumar, Rank: Ex. HAV, R/a No.915, Pipe Line Extn, nr Narasimaiah Lyt, Robertsonpet, K.G.F-563122, Kolar Dt, hereby state that my daughter's name has been wrongly mentioned as S.Shirley in my service records but her correct name is Shirley Hephzibah.S vide affidavit dt: 18.04.2022 before Notary Thangaraj.S, KGF, Kolar Dt.

I, VALLIDAIVAN (New Name) Mala (Old Name) D O B 10-12-1980 W/o. Ramu Subbaya, R/o #65, Linganapalya, 3rd Cross, Indira Gandhi Street, Jogupalaya, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008 have changed from Mala Vallidaivan vide affidavit dt 09-05-2022 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

I, KALIAMMAL, D/o. Late. B Govinda Swami, Aged 57 Years, Date of Birth : 24/12/1964, Residing at No. 5, 8th Cross, Jai Jawan Nagar, Subbanna Palya, Chikka Banaswadi, Bangalore-560033, have changed My Name and Right Date of Birth to R. Kalavathi, Aged 56 Years, Date of Birth-28/12/1965 Vide Affidavit Dated: 06.05.2022 before Notary K.V. Mani, Bangalore

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUSHIL Kumar Kothari, R/a No.42/5, B 1st Flr, Ranga Rao Rd, Shankarpuram, B'lore-04 have changed my minor Daughter's name from Chhavi Kothari to Chhavi Sushil Kothari @ Chhavi S, (both the names Chhavi Sushil Kothari @ Chhavi S belongs to one and the same person) vide affidavit dt: 19.04.2022 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'lore

I ABHILASHA BARAI W/O. Priyank Aeron R/o F95 Concorde Silicon Valley Neeladri Road Electronic City Phase1 Bengaluru 560100 have changed my name to Abhilasha Aeron for all purposes.

I, VIMAL Kumar Gandhi, R/a No.6/1, 7th Cross, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560021 have changed my Daughter's name from Ishika.V to Ishika Jain, vide affidavit dt: 23.01.2020 sworn before Notary C.K.Anupama, Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND CJM AT MYSURU ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 567 OF 2021

BETWEEN:
ICICI Bank Ltd.
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act 1949 having Registered Office at: "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 & having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., Setty Mansion, No. 34/2, 3, 4, Ground Floor, Ramabavilas Road, Mysuru- 570024. And Represented by its POA holder and Manager
Mr. Swamy.G.K.
Aged about 35 years.
S/o. **Gangadharappa**
...PLAINTIFF

AND:
Mr. Sannaswamy
...DEFENDANT

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication.

To,
Defendant:
Mr. SANNASWAMY
Aged about 55 years,
Son of Gopalaiah,
R/at. # 12, 1st Floor,
Near MMK Corner,
New Ring Road, Vijayanagar, 2nd Stage Mysuru- 570017.

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of **Rs.7,43,488/-** **(Rupees Seven Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Four Hundred And Eighty Eight Only)** together with interest at the rate **18% p.a.** from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Prl Senior Civil Judge and C.J.M. at Mysuru, in person or by a pleader on the **24th Day of June 2022** at **11:00 am** to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determind exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this **5th day** of **May 2022.**

By order of the Court,
Chief Ministerial
Prl. Senior Civil Judge Court
Mysuru

Advocate for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED,
B.M. KUSHALAPPA,
Officer Advocates,
No.4(10/2), West Park Road,
Kumara Park East, Bangalore-560001

TENDERS

The Pondicherry Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Ltd., No. P.1

Ref. Ponlait / Pur. / Ghee Jar/2016-17
Date:10.05.2022

Sealed Tender for the Supply of Ghee poly pet jars to PONLAIT Tender details with Terms & Conditions
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e-mail id: ponlait1965@gmail.com
e-procurement cell: 0413-2220225
MANAGING DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND CJM AT MYSURU ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 582 OF 2021

BETWEEN:
ICICI Bank Ltd.
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act 1949 having Registered Office at: "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 & having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., Setty Mansion, No. 34/2, 3, 4, Ground Floor, Ramabavilas Road, Mysuru-570024. And Represented by its POA holder and Manager
Mr. Swamy.G.K.
Aged about 35 years.
S/o. **Gangadharappa**
...PLAINTIFF

AND
Mr. Irfan
...DEFENDANT

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication.

To,
Defendant:
IRFAN
Aged about 37 years,
Son of Firoz Khan,
R/at.# 2543/1, Erekatte Street, Lashkar Mohalla, Mysuru-570021.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of Rs.6,13,519/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred And Nineteen Only) together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Prl Senior Civil Judge and C.J.M at Mysuru, in person or by a pleader on the **24th Day of June 2022** at **11:00 am** to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and Determind exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 5th day of may 2022.

By order of the Court,
Chief Ministerial
Prl.Senior Civil Judge Court
Mysuru

Advocate for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED,
B.M. KUSHALAPPA,
Officer Advocates,
No.4(10/2), West Park Road,
Kumara Park East, Bangalore-560001

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND CJM AT MYSURU ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 568 OF 2021

BETWEEN:
ICICI Bank Ltd.
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act 1949 having Registered Office at: "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 & having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., Setty Mansion, No. 34/2,3,4, Ground Floor, Ramabavilas Road, Mysuru- 570024. And Represented by its POA holder and Manager
Mr. Swamy.G.K.
Aged about 35 years.
S/o. **Gangadharappa**
...PLAINTIFF

AND:
Mr. A.V. Satyanarayana
...DEFENDANT

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication.

To,
Defendant:
Mr. A.V. Satyanarayana
Aged about 33 years,
Son of Veera Venkata Satyanarayana,
R/AL# M-38, Behind Prashanth Ganpathi Temple, Lakshmi Kantha Nagar, Mysuru- 570017.

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of **Rs.5,96,952/-** **(Rupees Five Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Nine Hundred And Fifty Two Only)** together with interest at the rate **18% p.a.** from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble PIL Senior Civil Judge and C.J.M. at Mysuru, in person or by a pleader on the **24th Day of June 2022** at **11:00 am** to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and Determind exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this **5th day** of **May 2022.**

By order of the Court,
Chief Ministerial
Prl. Senior Civil Judge Court
Mysuru

Advocate for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED,
B.M. KUSHALAPPA,
Officer Advocates,
No.4(10/2), West Park Road,
Kumara Park East, Bangalore-560001

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Additional
IN THE SESSIONS COURT, CHENNAI
(CITY CIVIL VOURT AT CHENNAI)
CRL.APPEAL No: 137 of 2021
Against
CC.No.947 of 2015
(ON THE FILE OF SPECIAL COURT FOR CCB-1, CBCID METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE EGMORE, CHENNAI)

Mrs.R.Parimala bai
...Appellant/ Defacto Complainant
-vs-
1 The State of Tamil nadu,
Rep by the inspector of police
Central Crime Branch, Team-5
...1st Respondent/ Complainant
2. Mr.K.Thiravengadam
...2nd Respondent/ Accused

To,
Mr.K.Thiravengadam
S/o Mr.Kannappan,
No.9, Bragathi Nagar,
Hosur Road, Bengalore – 560 100
Also at: No.40, Redhills Road,
Lakshmipuram, Chromepet, Chennai-600 044 And at: No.40, Redhills Road,
Villivakkam, Chennai-600 049.
...2nd Respondent/Accused

In the above Criminal Appeal filed by the Appellant/ Defacto Complainant, the Hon'ble I Addl. Sessions Court (City Civil Court), Chennai was pleased to order notice to you, returnable by 24.05.2022
Please take notice and appear before the I Addl. Sessions Court (City Civil Court) and Chennai at 10.30 a.m. on 24.05.2022, either in person or through counsel, failing which the matter will be heard and disposed of in your absence.

M/s.SAMPATHKUMAR & ASSOCIATES
Counsel for Appellant/ Defacto Complainant
315, (1st Flr), Tambu Chetty Street,
Chennai-600 001
Tel: 044-2534 1168, 2534 0252

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE INDIAN MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' CO-OPERATIVE PHARMACY & STORES (Multi State Co-op. Society) LTD., 3-180)
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F.No.1/Election/2022 Date : 10-05-2022

NOTIFICATION TO MEMBERS

The Board of Directors of IMPCOPS have appointed me as Returning Officer to conduct the Election to the Board of IMPCOPS in the General meeting to be convened at 10.00AM on 17.06.2022 at our Head Office premises. If there is contest, secret polling will be held on 19.06.2022. A separate meeting notice will be sent to all members by post in this connection. In view of the above, the Draft Electoral rolls will be kept for verification from 11.05.2022 onwards at the Head Office and all Branch Offices/ Sales Depots of IMPCOPS. All the members are requested to use this opportunity and verify the Draft Electoral Rolls and file their objections and corrections if any, on or before 18.05.2022. Further all Institutional members are requested to appoint one Delegate to participate and to vote in General Body Meeting and Board Election and inform the same to me on or before 27.05.2022. A separate notification will be sent to all institutional members in this regard shortly. The Final List of Electoral Rolls will be published on 01.06.2022.

Sd/-
D. Peter Jeevanandam, B.Com.,
Deputy Registrar/Returning Officer

EDUCATIONAL

AIR FORCE SCHOOL, JALAHALLI - 560014
WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Interview for the appointment of contractual teachers in Air Force School, Jalahalli for the academic Session 2022-23 will be conducted as per the following schedule:

Sl.No.	Post	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Post Graduate Teachers (English, Mathematics)	13 May 22	0900 hr	Air Force School, Jalahalli (East)
2.	TGT Special Educator, Chemistry and Biology Lab)	13 May 22	1100 hr	Air Force School, Jalahalli (East)
3.	MTS (Male)	13 May 22	1200 hr	Air Force School, Jalahalli (East)

Note : 1. Vacancies are purely on contractual basis.
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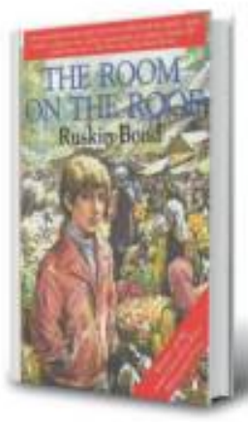
Ruskin Bond: transcending time

At 88, the writer from the hills is still doing what he does best — chronicling life and nature



R. KRITHIKA

A young boy discovers a hidden pool inside a forest and rushes to inform his two best friends. The three embark on an exploration of the area. They swim, try fishing, ride the buffaloes that wallow in the pool, even try to enlarge the pool by building a dam.

It is 1857, India is in a ferment. When Ruth's father is killed by the Indian soldiers, the family finds shelter in a friend's house. But Javed Khan, the Pathan leader of the rebels, finds them and kidnaps them. He falls in love with Ruth but her mother will not allow her daughter to marry a rebel.

If the first, *The Hidden Pool*, left you musing about friendships and relationships that fall by the wayside; *A Flight of Pigeons* took one back into a tumultuous time. Two very different books by the same author. For many, Ruskin Bond is a children's author. No doubt, he is. But Bond, who turns 88 on May 19, is also much more given that his writing includes novels, essays, short stories, and memoirs.

Coming of age

In his *Lone Fox Dancing*, Bond offers a moving account of his early years and, for good measure, references many of his stories. However, what was disappointing was to learn that all those fascinating tales of his eccentric grandfather were "either made up or based on hearsay". His life with his father and later his mother and stepfather, trip to England and return to India, which he considers home, are all dealt with here.

His first book, *The Room on The Roof* about a young boy's coming of age, was based on his own experiences of living in a rented room in Dehradun. It won the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize in 1957. Bond was then in London trying to make a living. The publication of this novel allowed him to return to India. "All I really wanted was my little room back again," he writes in his autobiography.

Following his return, he settled in Mussoorie and began to write stories for magazines and newspapers. Rusty, his protagonist in *The Room on the Roof*, makes a comeback in *Vagrants in the Valley*. As you laugh over Rusty's and Kishen's adventures, you cannot help but muse over what loneliness and friendship mean to different people.

On the silver screen

A short story collection about Rusty followed and the stories found their place in school textbooks and were even adapted for a television show. Other short stories like *The Blue Umbrella* and *Susanna's Seven Husbands* were adapted as feature films, as was his novel *A Flight of Pigeons*. Bond even made a cameo appearance in *Saat Khoon Maaf*, which was based on Susanna's Seven Husbands.

Most of his stories hark back to another time — of simple lives and small places where everyone knew everyone. But what keeps the reader coming back to them is the emotion that infuses the words. Bond's people are real; ones you probably know and are familiar with. And their lives are unpredictable, just like ours. In *Friends in Small Places*, Bond writes that dull people "are those whose lives are too orderly or those who are forever boasting of the ease with which they have succeeded in life."

Painting nature

Then there are his descriptions of nature. His use of words is sparse but the pictures they paint are vivid. Take these lines from his short story *The Leopard*: "The stream ran close by the verge, tumbling over smooth pebbles, over rocks worn yellow with age, on its way to the plains and to the little Song River and finally to the sacred Ganga." The complete life-cycle of a stream is conjured up without fuss. Without being moralistic or preachy, the story also calls for co-existence with wild animals.

And his ghost stories! A personal favourite is *A Face in the Dark*, which has found its way into school textbooks. The tale is about a teacher's encounters with a strange boy and a school watchman but what leaves you thirsting is that you don't know what happens at the end. There's no neat denouement; just more suspense.

As I think of the pleasure his writing has given me, I can't help but recall what he said about his writing: "I'm like a shopkeeper hoarding bags full of grains; only, I hoard words. There are still people who buy words and I hope I can keep bringing a little sunshine and pleasure into their lives to the end of my days." I hope you'll be doing that for a long time yet, Mr. Bond.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"How do you use 'unfortunate', sir?"

"It is the opposite of 'fortunate'.

He is fortunate to be the son of a rich man. He doesn't have to worry about money.

It is unfortunate that he has failed.

When you use it with a 'remark' or 'speech', it means 'regrettable'.

It was an unfortunate remark. He should not have made it.

It is unfortunate that he made that remark."

"What is the difference between (a) continual and continuous (b) toward and towards. You did explain the difference between continual and continuous. But I have not understood it clearly, sir."

"Continual means with interruptions and continuous means without interruptions.

It rained continuously for thirty minutes.

He spoke continuously for two hours.

In continuous there is a beginning and an end without any break.

When he spoke there were continual interruptions.

I can't stand her continual arguments.

The continual noise from the neighbouring hotel is unbearable.

'Continual' means 'going on with breaks'. The distinction between the two is maintained by careful writers and speakers. 'Towards' and 'toward' mean the same. 'Towards' is the word that is generally used. 'Toward' has a literary flavour".

"What is the difference between 'elemental' and 'elementary', sir?"

" 'Elemental' refers to the 'elements', that is air, earth and so on. It also refers to the great forces of nature.

The elemental fury of the cyclone had to be seen to be believed.

'Elementary' means 'basic', 'simple'.

His knowledge of physics is rather elementary.

An elementary school is where the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic are taught."

"How do you pronounce the last sound in the definite article 'the' sir?"

"When the word is pronounced in isolation, the final sound is 'i' as in fill and bill. The definite article is not generally stressed in a sentence. When it is followed by a word beginning with a vowel, it is pronounced 'thi'.

The Indian team, the English players and so on.

When it is followed by a word beginning with a consonant, the final sound is pronounced like the final sound in 'china' or the first sound in about, around and alight.

The man in the street.

The lady over there.

Sometimes when you emphasise 'the' in a sentence, the final sound in 'the' is pronounced 'ee' as in feel and feet.

He is *the* man for crises.

Well, it's getting late for you. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Trivia buffs can often recall the firsts in various fields. A quiz to test how well one knows about being second...

1 The men's decathlon is a combined event in athletics consisting of ten track and field events. If the 100m is the first of them, what comes next?

2 If Madhya Pradesh is the second-largest Indian State, then which is the second-largest Union Territory?

3 On May 5, 1961, Alan Shepard became the second human to achieve what distinction?

4 If the second line of this classic read: 'However little known the feelings or views of such a man may be on his first entering a neighbourhood, this truth is so well fixed in the minds of the surrounding families that he is considered as the rightful property of some one or other of their daughters.' Identify the classic and the first line.

5 In the British monarchy, who is presently the second in line to the throne?

6 Which of the Star Wars movies was titled 'Star Wars, Episode II'?

7 If the skin is the heaviest organ in the human body, what comes second?

◄ This is the flag of a Balkan nation that unilaterally declared 'independence' from Serbia in 2008 and is considered the world's second youngest nation. Name it. • WIKIPEDIA

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The Belfast legend, winger and a Ballon D'Or winner who retains the record of being among the top five goalscorers for Manchester United. **Ans: George Best**

2. Scenes of this popular fantasy series, were shot in Belfast and surrounding areas. **Ans: *Game of Thrones***

3. The Belfast born actor who was chosen to first play the role of inspector Kurt Wallander. **Ans: Kenneth Branagh**

4. A Provisional Irish Republican Army militant, this person went on to become a high profile prisoner who conducted a major hunger strike. His popularity helped him win a Parliamentary byelection in 1981. **Ans: Bobby Sands**

5. This cricketer from Belfast was the youngest to score a century in a One Day International, a record that was previously held by an Indian. Name the Indian batter as well. **Ans: Amy Hunter and Mithali Raj**

Visual: This monument in Belfast is associated with an iconic manmade colossus. **Ans: Titanic Belfast**

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26 passengers hurt after KSRTC bus rams into metro pillar

Crew says navigating a pothole led to the accident, but travellers disagree

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BENGALURU

Twenty six passengers suffered injuries after a Karnataka State Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus rammed into a metro pillar on Mysuru Road. Among the injured, five passengers sustained severe injuries. The incident happened at around 1.30 a.m on Monday near Bangalore University gate. The bus (KA 09 F 5230) was coming from Mysuru.

The KSRTC bus that was involved in the accident on Mysuru Road on Monday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

While the passengers in the bus blamed reckless driving for the accident, one of the bus crew members said that the accident happened while negotiating a pothole. The stretch of Mysuru Road where the accident happened had a lot of potholes, which were filled up by the civic body later in the day.

The bus first hit the median of the metro corridor and later rammed into the metro pillar. Around 45 passengers were on-board when the incident happened. They were all thrown out from their seats when the speedy vehicle rammed into the pillar.

Public and police personnel rushed the injured to various hospitals. Five severely injured passengers are undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Kengeri for fractured leg, broken collar bone and others. Six people including two crew members received minor injuries and six others were treated at outpatient wards.

BBMP workers filling potholes on Mysuru Road, in Bengaluru. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Lingaraju, husband of Shashikala who sustained severed leg injuries, told *The Hindu* that after Ramanagara, the driver was recklessly driving and lost control over the vehicle.

"Due to rash driving, the driver could not control the vehicle and rammed into the pillar. All the passengers were thrown out from their seats. My wife broke her leg while trying to save a kid from hitting the pole after being thrown out of the seat. She has sustained severe injuries and was admitted in a private hospital with the help of local people and police," Lingaraju said. The couple, native of Chamarajanagar, were returning to Bengaluru after spending the weekend. "We are working in a garment factory. I do not know how many months it would take her to recover from injuries."

A senior traffic police officer said, "Passengers have blamed over-speeding as the reason for the incident. When the driver lost control over the vehicle, it first hit the median and then rammed into the pillar. Front portion of the bus was completely damaged. Further investigation is on."

KSRTC, in a statement, said that the driver has been working in the Corporation for 13 years and does not have a history of being involved in road accidents. The Corporation also said it will bear the treatment expenses of the injured.

FROM PAGE ONE

Report potholes on 'Fix My Street' app

So far, the app was being used internally.

There are some technical glitches, which are being fixed.

The zonal civic officials have been given time till Thursday to map all the potholes coming under their respective jurisdictions and feed it into the app with photographs.

The Chief Civic Commissioner also said that that he had directed the executive engineers to cross check 30% of the pothole filling work in their jurisdiction, 5% by zonal chief engineer and 1% by the zonal Special Commissioners.

The civic chief also said that the potholes on roads that have been identified to be white topped, but not yet handed over for work to be taken up, would also be filled to minimise inconvenience to motorists who travel on a daily basis.

In case of roads under the defect liability period, the contractors concerned would be asked to fill the potholes.

With regard to enumeration of potholes, Mr. Giri Nath said that the citizens would not accept any number put forth by the BBMP. "Even to the High Court, we only mention that these many roads are pothole free. However, we will need to enumerate the potholes to ascertain the quantum of hot mix needed to fill them," he said.

Zonal civic officials have been given time till Thursday to map all the potholes in Bengaluru • FILE PHOTO

High and low | A look at top five and bottom five States and UTs in terms of alcohol prevalence

SHARE OF WOMEN WHO DRINK ALCOHOL		SHARE OF MEN WHO DRINK ALCOHOL	
Top 5		**Top 5**	
Arunachal	17.8	Goa	59.1
Sikkim	14.8	Arunachal	56.6
Assam	5.5	Telangana	50
Telangana	4.9	Manipur	47.9
Goa	4.8	A & N Islands	42.1
Bottom 5		**Bottom 5**	
U.P.	0.1	Lakshadweep	0.8
Bihar	0.1	Gujarat	5.9
Gujarat	0.1	J&K	10.5
Lakshadweep	0.1	Rajasthan	11.5
Tamil Nadu	0.1	U.P.	16.5

'Only 1% of women in 15-49 age group drink alcohol in the country'

In State, 0.3% of women take it: Report

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

While it is known that alcohol consumption has always been high among men, the recently released National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) for 2019-2021 has found that only 1% of women, aged 15-49, drink alcohol in the country, compared to 22% of men. The overall consumption is high in rural areas, stated the report.

In Karnataka, 0.3% of women consume alcohol, below the national average. But 23.1% of men do so, which is higher than the national average.

The percentage of women who consume alcohol is the highest in Arunachal Pradesh (18%), followed by Sikkim (15%). Alcohol use among men is the highest in Goa (59%), followed by Arunachal Pradesh (57%), and Telangana (50%), while it is the lowest in Lakshadweep (1%). Among women who drink alcohol, 17% consume it almost every day and 37% drink about once a week. Among men, while 15% consume almost daily, 43% drink about once a week, and 42% do less than once a week. Drinking alcohol is more common among women from Scheduled Tribes (4%) than from any other caste/tribe group.

Consumption is also most common among Christian men (36%) and men belonging to "other" religions (49%). The "other" religions here are those apart from the Hindu, the Muslim, the Christian, the Sikh, the Buddhist/Neo-Buddhist, and the Jain communities.

Drinking is also seen in 33% of men with less than 5 years of schooling, 34% of those from Scheduled Tribes, and 30% of those in the age group of 35-49.

Overall the proportion of men who drink alcohol decreased from 29% to 22% between NFHS-4 in 2015-2016 and NFHS-5 in 2019-2021. During that period, the proportion of women who drink has remained unchanged, according to the report.

Non-availability

- NIMHANS Director Pratima Murthy said the reduction in consumption as per the NFHS-5 report could also be due to the non-availability during the COVID-19 lockdown, as the report is for 2019-2021.

NIMHANS Director Pratima Murthy, who was part of a study that found that excessive alcohol consumption can cause irreversible changes to the DNA and that changes may persist even when it is no longer consumed, said the reduction in consumption as per the NFHS-5 report could also be due to the non-availability during the COVID-19 lockdown, as the report is for 2019-2021. The study by NIMHANS, published last year in the *American Journal of Medical Genetics*, found that the effects of alcohol were more pronounced in those who had started at an early age.

Dr. Murthy told *The Hindu* that the findings suggest that starting to drink early may physically alter many genes, including those of the brain. "This may have a significant effect on brain development and maturation that may persist to the later adult life," she said.

Increase in sales

Vivek Benegal, Professor of Psychiatry, who heads the Centre for Addiction Medicine at NIMHANS, said that the overall reduction in consumption is a welcome change. However, it needs to be seen in the perspective of the consistent increase in sales and production of alcohol. "The findings will have to be balanced with consistent increase in sales and production of alcohol during the period when the reduction has been observed. It is essential to get more data through new studies which will support the NFHS-5 findings. If the per capita consumption reduces, it will help in bringing down social and health costs," Dr. Benegal said.

BMRCL takes up re-asphalting works on Mysuru Road

BMRCL and BBMP were at loggerheads for months as to who will redo the road as commuters continued to suffer

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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Concerns have been raised over the poor condition of Mysuru Road after Monday's accident involving a KSRTC bus. Motorists have demanded that civic authorities fix the potholes, redo the bad stretches, and ensure there is no stagnation of rain water on the road.

The road condition has deteriorated due to metro construction and heavy traffic load.

"Several stretches near the metro stations are filled with potholes. It is very difficult to ride bikes close to the median as there are many potholes. Big vehicles can somehow manage but bikers are suffering on a daily basis. From Rajarajeshwari Nagar Arch to NICE road barring some stretches, the road is not in a motorable condition. The road condition deteriorates when it rains," said Nagaraj K., one of the crew members on the KSRTC bus involved in the accident, blamed a pothole for it. Though the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) opened the Nayanadahalli - Kengeri stretch of Namma Metro in August 2021, the Corporation and BBMP had been at loggerheads as to who will redo the road.

'There's no structural damage'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Regarding the accident involving the KSRTC bus, the BMRCL has maintained that no structural damages were found in the metro pillar. "The bus crashed on the median, handrails and crash barrier of the pier 545 located between Jnanabharathi and Pattangere metro station. The site was inspected and it was found that there were only superficial scratches on the pier."

While BMRCL had sought to handover the road stretch back to the civic body in September 2021, BBMP insisted BMRCL redo the road before that.

While BMRCL insisted BBMP take up the work, BBMP demanded BMRCL fund the project, but the latter had not paid up yet. In April 2022, at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, BMRCL was directed to take up the redevelopment work. As per the decision of the State government, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has taken up asphalting of the Mysuru Road for a stretch of almost 7 km.

"The contractor has already taken up the asphalting work. The work from Nayandahalli to Jnanabharati has been completed. For the remaining stretch work is in progress. Due to intermittent rain, the work has slowed down. The contractor has been asked to speed up work and complete it by May 25," the official said. The road works are likely to cost ₹12 crore to the BMRCL.

Over 5 lakh responses collected from citizens on SWM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

One of the factors dragging down the city's Swachh Survekshan rankings was the lack of citizen participation in the survey, which seems to have been set right this year.

In a first such effort, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has collected over 5 lakh responses from citizens across different sections of the society on solid waste management in the city. These responses have now been submitted for the Swachh Survekshan, 2022. According to senior Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials, the city has always fared badly in getting adequate responses from citizens for the survey, impacting its overall ranking. The city ranked 28 out of 48 municipal corporations with a population of over 10 lakh in 2021.

This time around, concerted efforts were taken to collect feedback from citizens. Spearheaded by BBMP's Special Commissioner (Solid Waste Management) Harish Kumar, around 210 junior health inspectors, 262 Marshals, 282 link workers, and 13 student volunteers from a government college were tasked with getting responses from citizens.

An official told *The Hindu* that Google forms, made available in both English and Kannada, were also sent across. That apart, survey responses were also collected from citizens who would be able to scan QR codes.

Feedback collected on various aspects of solid waste management has now been submitted for assessment to the Swachch Survekshan, 2022. "To ensure there is no tampering and that all responses are genuine, we have collected the feedback along with the mobile phone numbers of the respondents. Without the mobile phone numbers, the responses cannot be uploaded," said V. Ramaprasad, waste management expert who is helping the BBMP improve its Swachch Survekshan ranking.

Meanwhile, the feedback will be mined to better solid waste management in the city, senior civic officials said. "Presently, it is the property of the Swachch Survekshan. Once it is handed over, we will analyse the feedback, address the shortcomings," they said.

Activist V. Ramprasad said the civic body was now looking at integrating such a feedback collection mechanism in SWM in the city. "When food delivery apps collect feedback from citizens for every delivery, the BBMP too should be able to collect responses for its delivery of service," he said.

Timings
BENGALURU

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RISE 05:56	SET 18:36
RISE 13:29	SET 01:35
WEDNESDAY, MAY. 11	
RISE 05:56	SET 18:37
RISE 14:19	SET 02:15
THURSDAY, MAY. 12	
RISE 05:55	SET 18:37
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Mysuru	32	22
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Bengaluru Today
33°C The weather will be warm and humid. Spell of rain and thundershower with gusty winds are likely at some places.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
34°C A warm and humid weather to prevail.Night also will be comfortable. Thunderstorm may occur.

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State reports 90 new cases

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Monday reported 90 new cases taking the day's Test Positivity Rate (TPR) to 0.80%. The weekly TPR touched 1.23% and the total number of cases touched 39,48,837. With one death, the State's toll remained 40,063.

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Bad weather: Mysuru-bound flight diverted to Bengaluru

Alliance Air flight from Hyderabad was carrying about 45 passengers

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

A Mysuru-bound flight from Hyderabad was diverted to Kempegowda International Airport Limited (KIAL) in Bengaluru on Sunday evening to bad weather conditions at Mysuru airport.

Mysuru airport director R. Manjunath told *The Hindu* that the Alliance Air flight, carrying about 45 passengers, was scheduled to land in Mysuru on Sunday evening. But, due to bad weather conditions on account of cross-winds, the pilot took a decision against landing. The ATR 72, which is a "small-sized" plane, was diverted to Bengaluru. After waiting in Bengaluru for the weather to improve for a couple of hours, the airlines aborted the flight. "It was already about 10.30 p.m. when it landed in Bengaluru. They thought of returning to Mysuru, but it was raining. So, they cancelled it", said sources in Mysuru airport.

The passengers returned to Mysuru by road late in the night.

"Passenger safety is of paramount importance. Under such circumstances, the travellers will have to bear with the inconvenience. It was entirely upto the pilot to take a decision to land or not", Mr. Manjunath said.

The flight from Hyderabad was scheduled to carry another 41 passengers to Goa from Mysuru. The passengers complained that they were left stranded at Mysuru airport with the authorities claiming that the flight had only been delayed. The information about the cancellation of the flight was communicated to them after long hours of wait.

Many passengers scheduled to fly on Sunday evening were accommodated in the flight on Monday.

2 booked for submitting fake documents to get jobs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Vidhana Soudha police are on the lookout for two persons, including a woman, who submitted fake documents to get typist jobs, for which the recruitment was made through the Karnataka Public Service Commission in 2019.

The accused, identified as Divyajyothi S.M. and Pavan R.P. from Chitradurga, applied for the job and were selected in 2019.

The duo submitted the required certificates for verification, following which the KPSC had sent the certificates to the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board for verification. The board replied that they were fake and confiscated the certificates.

Based on the report, V. Neetha, Assistant Secretary of the KPSC, sent notices twice to the accused seeking explanation but they failed to give a satisfactory reply.

The commission cancelled their appointment and filed a complaint on Saturday, with the police seeking legal action.

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Sene starts morning prayer in some temples to counter azaan

Pramod Mutalik launches campaign in Mysuru by playing devotional songs

KARNATAKA BUREAU
BENGALURU

Sri Rama Sene, which has been opposing azaan (call for prayer) on loudspeakers, launched a campaign of playing suprabhata, bhajans, or Hanuman chalisa on loudspeakers early on Monday morning in some parts of Karnataka. Security has been beefed up near temples in districts where such incidents were reported, as the Sene has threatened to continue the campaign, and a few activists were detained by the police.

Sene chief Pramod Mutalik launched the campaign by playing suprabhata and other devotional songs on loudspeaker at a Hanuman temple in Mysuru.

At Bengaluru, as many as 10 Hindutva activists were detained when they came to recite Hanuman chalisa at Jaya Anjaneya temple in Vivek Nagar in the early hours of Monday. There was heated argument before they were detained.

As a precautionary measure, the jurisdictional police in Bengaluru met the temple management committee and deployed personnel to monitor the situation. Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant met the Chief Minister and Home Minister to brief them about the developments.

Barring the districts where the Sene has its presence, there was little response in the districts of North Karnataka for the call given to play bhajans during azaan. In the districts of Belagavi, Dharwad, Gadag, and Kalaburagi, Sene workers visited temples during wee hours at the time of azaan and devotional music was played on loudspeakers for half an hour to an hour. In Kalaburagi, the police detained around 20 Sene activists.

In Mangaluru, two Sene activists played the recorded songs of the revered Koragajja in the tent of Ayappa Swami devotees in Moodushedde on the outskirts of the city early on Monday. No other such incident was reported in Udupi or Mangaluru.

Police deployed at Kodandarama temple in J.J. Nagar in Bengaluru on Monday. •K. MURALI KUMAR

'Eye-wash'

Speaking to reporters in Mysuru, Mr. Mutalik described the notices issued by the State Government to mosques to adhere to the Supreme Court directions on the use of loudspeaker for azaan as mere "eye-wash." He condemned the attack on activists. "The use of loudspeaker for azaan at 5 a.m. has not stopped," he said. Mr. Mutalik warned that a contempt of court petition will be filed in the High Court against the violation of the Supreme Court guidelines on use of loudspeaker for azaan.

Meanwhile, a delegation of Muslim legislators led by Deputy Leader of Opposition U.T. Khader met Chief Minister Bommai on Monday and appealed to him to maintain peace in the State. He was accompanied by N.A. Harris and MLC Nazeer Ahmed.

Dalit Sene stands guard

STAFF REPORTER
KALABURAGI

The Dalit Sene and the Janata Dal (Secular) strongly condemned Sri Rama Sene's decision to play Hanuman chalisa and bhajans outside mosques in Kalaburagi. Dalit Sene leader Hanumanth Yelasanghi said that Siddalinga Swami of Sri Rama Sene was trying to spread communal violence in the district through such moves.

"We have vowed to stand guard outside mosques. We will not allow Sri Rama Sene members to play bhajans outside masjids," Mr. Yelasanghi said.

Sri Ram Sene activists, however, played bhajans at Anjaneya Temple in Santosh Colony in the city and at Karuneshwar Mutt in Andola of Jewargi taluk at about 5 a.m. during azaan.

Onus on CM and Araga to ensure peace: Cong.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The issue on use of loudspeaker for azaan was being raked up deliberately to create unrest in society and the onus is on the Chief Minister and the Home Minister to maintain peace in the State, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar on Monday said.

"This is the failure of the government. If it is not managed properly, there are chances of unrest in the State," he told reporters here. He also pointed out that a delegation of leaders from the Congress had met Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and submitted a memorandum highlighting his responsibility in taking action. Mr. Shivakumar said that the Supreme Court has already decided on the azaan issue, and the police have issued notices.

B.K. Hariprasad, Leader of the Opposition in Legislative Council, said that those indulging in acts that disturb communal harmony should be treated as "extremists".

JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy said Sri Rama Sene chief Pramod Mutalik, who is "deliberately disturbing peace" should be put behind bars. "Karnataka was known, as Kuvempu put it, as a 'peaceful garden of all faiths' and this image should be restored," he said. He urged the government not to "deliberately turn a deaf ear" to the efforts to disturb peace.

CM's Delhi visit today rekindles hope of Cabinet expansion

'He has sought appointment with J.P. Nadda, Amit Shah'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

As the Cabinet expansion or reshuffle has kept those hopefuls of berths on tenterhooks for weeks now, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's trip to Delhi on Tuesday has rekindled hopes among many. A few are learnt to be anxious about holding on to their Cabinet berths.

Mr. Bommai is scheduled to fly to Delhi on Tuesday morning to attend meetings with ambassadors of various countries to showcase Invest Karnataka, 2022, and the Global Investors' Meet. However, his visit has raised expectations among those lobbying for the Cabinet berths. Currently, five Cabinet berths are vacant.

Basavaraj Bommai

Sources in the government acknowledged that Mr. Bommai has sought appointment from BJP president J.P. Nadda and Home Minister Amit Shah to discuss the expansion. "The scheduled meetings with the ambassadors are in the evening. The CM has kept himself free in the morning hoping to get the appointment of the party leaders," said a source.

Sources also said that the Cabinet expansion or a reshuffle is still fluid since nothing concrete has emerged so far, and that a possible meeting on Tuesday could pave way for it.

"As of the now, talks are on to drop two or three Ministers from the Cabinet, and accommodate at least four legislators. Those to be inducted are legislators who have been with BJP all along," said a source. What could be expected is a minor reshuffle, sources said, adding that the names of legislators to be dropped or included and date of swearing in will all be decided by the senior leaders in Delhi.

Bommai holds meeting with ZP CEOs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Warning the Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Panchayats that delay in implementing programmes announced in the Budget would not be tolerated, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday said that the CEOs are under his radar for performance.

"You are young and have got the opportunity to do good work," the Chief Minister said, during a meeting with CEOs here. "I will not tolerate corruption or delay in implementing projects."

He said: "Take bold decisions that help the poor. Let us re-establish confidence on administration among people. Have control over PDOs and village accounts." Urging officials to implement schemes in a time-bound manner, he asked them to coordinate with the Health Department over malnutrition. Among programmes reviewed were Jal Jeevan Mission, NREGA, Health and Housing programmes.

PSI exam scam: Three held in Channarayapatna

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN

The Criminal Investigation Department police probing the PSI recruitment examination scam have arrested three persons in Channarayapatna, Hassan district. They are Keshavamurthy, president of Bekka Gram Panchayat in Channarayapatna taluk, Chandrashekhar, a resident of Bekka, and his son Venugopal, who was among those who made it to the provisional list of candidates selected after the examination. The CID police took them into custody in the last two days.

Venugopal is an engineering graduate who was working for the MGNREGA on a temporary basis in Arsikere taluk. He had applied for the post of Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) in Karnataka. Chandrashekhar, who is a former president of Bekka GP, had taken the help of Keshavamurthy to get the job for his son. Another person, who is active in politics, is said to have facilitated the deal. The police are trying to track down this influential person who is said to be close to prominent politicians in Hassan district.

The CID police is said to have also arrested Channarayapatna Town Municipal Council member C.N. Shashidhar in connection with the PSI recruitment examination scam. The police took him to custody on Sunday on receiving information that he was involved in the scam. He had allegedly helped Venugopal. He is the fourth person arrested in Channarayapatna taluk. Shashidhar has been with the Janata Dal (Secular) and also served as president of the TMC. It is said that in recent days he had been very close to some BJP leaders.

C.N. Balakrishna, Shravanabealgola MLA, speaking to presspersons in Channarayapatna on Monday, said that the police should probe the issue in detail and punish all those involved, irrespective of the party they had been associated with.

Install noice-controlling device: Maulana to mosques

Maulana Sageer Ahmed Rashdi appeals to community youth to exercise patience

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Appealing to all the mosques in the State to immediately install noise-controlling device in loudspeaker systems used for calling azaan, the Ameer-e-Shariat of Karnataka, Maulana Sageer Ahmed Rashdi, also appealed to the youth to remain calm.

"If someone chants Hanuman chalisa in front of a masjid, have patience. Do not respond. Inform those in charge of the masjid or the mohalla committee, they will bring it to the notice of the police who will handle the situation," he said in a recorded message to the community. "What we require in the current time is patience and remaining calm. The police will handle the situation as per the law."

Appealing to the youth to not get angry, he said: "Stay away from the problem, stay home and there is no need to get worried." He also said that everyone should pray for the happiness in the country, and maintain good relationship with everyone.

The religious leader also said that the Police Commissioner's office has promised to handle the situation against those trying to disrupt peace. Police are also at work to prevent any law and order situation, he added.

'Purchase device'

He said that all masjids should set up the noise-control device in the amplifier so that the noise levels are as per the guidelines laid down by the government. "We request every masjid committee to purchase it irrespective of the area or population living there. The device is not expensive. If the device is fixed there will no scope for complaint and everyone can live happily."

Legislators stage dharna against cancellation of deputation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Criticising the decision to cancel the deputation order of 1,200 lecturers of Government Pre-University Colleges, legislators led by Janata Dal (Secular) member Marithibbe Gowda on Monday staged a dharna in front of the chamber of Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan in the Vikasa Soudha here.

Holding placards against the Commissioner, Mr. Gowda along with Congress MLCs Mohan Kondajji and U.B. Venkatesh sat on a dharna. Leader of Opposition B.K. Hariprasad, Deputy Leader of Opposition Govindraju, and Congress Chief Whip Prakash Rathod also arrived at the scene and held placards against the cancellation of the deputation.

The legislators said that currently exams are being held in colleges, and an abrupt transfer by cancelling deputation is unscientific. There are pregnants and specially-abled lecturers, and to immediately report in some faraway place will be difficult, they pointed out.

Marithibbe Gowda, JD(S) leader, protesting in front of Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan's office at Vikasa Soudha in Bengaluru on Monday. •K. MURALI KUMAR

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Website: www.pspcl.in
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Tender Enquiry No. QW-300/PO-W Dated: 07.05.2022

Chief Engineer/Stores & Workshops Organization, Sarabha Nagar, PSPCL, Ludhiana, invites E-tender of Repair of 3-phase, 50 cycles, outdoor type, oil immersed, naturally cooled, stack core type construction, OWP Aluminium Wound Distribution Transformers (Type Conventional) of capacity 25KVA, 63KVA, 100KVA, 200 KVA (w/o Tap changer) and 300 KVA (w/o Tap changer) with voltage ratio 11/0.433 KV confirming to ISS: 2026 (with latest amendments, if any) and 1180 part-1 (2014) complete with first filling of oil conforming to ISS: 335/1993 (with latest amendments, if any). Quantity of T/Fs = 45000 Nos. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 07.05.2022 from 12.00 Hrs. onwards.

NOTE:- Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BANGALORE Notice to the Respondents No.1,6,10,11,14,16 & 17 Vide order dated: 21.04.2022
R.F.A.NO.1134/ 2017
Smt. SUSHEELAMMA & Ors., ...Appellant/s
(By Sriyuths: Abhinay Y.T & N Byregowda for appellant Rajesh Gowda, Adv., for Appellant No.2 (a)
V/s
Smt. AMMAYAMMA & Ors., ...Respondent/s
(By Sriyuths: R. Chandrakumar for C/R-19 & also undertakes to file power on behalf of R-12, 13,15, & 18 (VK Not filed) V.R.Balaraj, Adv., for R-9(a) to (d)(VK filed)
TO: RESPONDENTS:
1. SMT. AMMAYAMMA, D/o. Doddanagappa & Ankamma, R/at Nallurali, Whitefield Post, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore City - 560066.
6. SMT. NIRMALA, D/o. Chikkanagappa, R/at Kishore kumar compound, Devarachikkanahalli Iim Post, B.G.Road, Bangalore- 560076.
10. SMT. SARASWATHI, D/o. Narayanappa, R/at Marathahalli Main Road, Near Suprabhatha Hotel, Bangalore - 560037.
PRAMILA, Since Dead Rep., by her LRS.,
11. SHANKAR REDDY, H/o. Late Pramila, R/at Near Bharathi Store, 5th Main, 60 feet Road, Ombr Layout, Banaswadi, Bangalore - 560049.
14. SMT. BHAGYA, W/o. Ramesh Reddy, R/at B. Channasandra, Banaswadi Post, Bangalore - 560047.
16. SMT. USHA, D/o. Narayanappa, R/at Doddakanneli, Karmelaram Post, Bangalore-35.
17. SMT. SAVITHRI, D/o. Narayanappa, R/at Doddabanasavadi, Anjaneya Temple Street, Bangalore - 560049.
Appeal from the Judgement & Decree Dated : 24.03.2017 passed in OS.No.738/ 2004 on the file of the XXII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bangalore.
Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court either in person or through counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to act for you in the above appeal on 08-06-2022 in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.
Issued under my hand and the seal of this court, this the 21st day of April 2022
BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Assistant Registrar

D. DEVARAJ URS TRUCK TERMINALS LIMITED
(An undertaking of Government of Karnataka)
3rd Floor, TTMC 'B' Block, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560027.
No: DDUTTL/TT/Tenders/2022-23/66 Date: 09-05-2022
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
D. Devaraj Urs Truck Terminals Limited (D.D.U.T.T.L) invites Expression of Interest from experienced Firms / Joint Ventures / Association for short listing of bidders for the **Construction of the proposed Administrative Building in their Own Investment and ready to share their part of revenue profit at D. Devaraj Urs Truck Terminals Yeshwanthpura.** Interested Firms / Joint Ventures / Association are requested to submit their Expression of Interest for the above mentioned work. Last Date for Submission is **25-05-2022.**
For more information **Assistant Executive Engineer, D.D.U.T.T.L Office, 3rd Floor, TTMC 'B' Block, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560027** (Telephone No: 080-22223753/58)
Sd/-
Managing Director
DDUTTL, Bengaluru.
DIPR/CP/438/Adverto/2022-23
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Executive Engineer, Public Works Department,
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e-portal : http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Phone No. 08152-222022, Fax No.: 08152-227443
e-Tender Notification - K.W. 3 & 4
Tender notification No. 04/2022-23 dt: 04.05.2022
Tender is invited through e-Procurement for the road work in the limits of Mulbagal Taluk, Kolar District Public Works Department from the Registered Contractors under **H/A: 5054- S.H and M.D.R.** improvements Amount put to tender: minimum **Rs.75.00 Lakhs** maximum **Rs. 400.00 Lakhs** EMD Amount: **minimum Rs.1.13 Lakhs** maximum **Rs. 6.00 Lakhs** Period for completion of work: **minimum 6 months** : maximum **11 months.** Contractors may download the tender documents KW-3 & 4 from Karnataka State e-Procurement portal **(viz.,htpp://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).** Filled in tenders shall be uploaded on or before: **4.00 p.m. on 20.06.2022** through Karnataka State e-Procurement portal. Tender received will be opened after: **4.30 p.m. on 21.06.2022** in e-Procurement. Further details regarding the works and also for details about this tender notification please contact e-Procurement portal and also you may contact this office during working hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolar Division, kolar
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ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ
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ದಿನಾಂಕ:28.04.2022
ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ 2022-23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನೆಡುತೋಪು ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಸಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಈ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಒಟ್ಟು **47 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ** ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು **ದಿ: 17.05.2022 ರಂದು ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.05.2022 ರ ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಹಾಗೂ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಗುವ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.05.2022 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಸದರಿ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಯಾವುದೇ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಾರದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಕಾರಣಾಂತರಗಳಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಡೆಯದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ 2 ನೇ ಕರೆ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31.05.2022 ರಂದು ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ** ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.06.2022.** ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಗುವ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.06.2022 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡಂತೆ ನಿಗಧಿತ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಮಯದಂದು ಹಾಜರಿರುವ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರ (ಅರಣ್ಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ) ಸಮಕ್ಷಮ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಥವಾ ಅವರಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕೃತಗೊಂಡ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಂದ ತೆರೆದು ಓದಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕವು ಸಾರ್ವತ್ರಿಕ ರಜೆ ಎಂದು ಘೋಷಿತವಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಮರುದಿನ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಕೆಲಸದ ವಿವರ, ಪರಿಮಾಣ, ಇಎಂಡಿ ಇತರೇ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.
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Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION, DIVISION CHIKODI
Tel. No.: 08338-275101, E-mail : ee.rdws.ckd@gmail.com
No.: EE/RDW&S/DN-CKD/PB/KW1&2/TENDER/2022-23/4/343 Date : 30-04-2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-procurement Portal only)
Tenders are invited on behalf of the governor of Govt. of Karnataka according to KTTP act 2000 through e-procurement portal for the below mentioned works.
Work Indent No.: 39517/call-2, 39478/call-2, 39496/call-2, 39516/call-2, 38777/call-2, 37676/call-4, 36594/call-4
II) Calendar events are as follows :
i) Date of Pre Bid Meeting : **04-05-2022 time 11.00 am** @EE RDW&S Division Chikodi.
ii) Last date and time for receipt of tenders through e-portal **07-05-2022 upto 17.00 hours.**
iii) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : on **09-05-2022 at 11.00 hours.**
iv) Date of Opening of Financial bid on after approval of technical bid
III) Other conditions and eligibility criteria etc are as published in e-procurement portal. More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by clicking list of Tenders which will link to all dept works list.
Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
RDW&S Division Chikodi
DIPO/BGM/177/2022-23

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE
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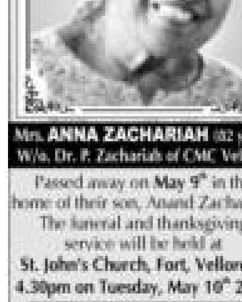


Mrs. ANNA ZACHARIAH (82 years)
W/o. Dr. P. Zachariah of CMC Vellore
Passed away on May 9th in the home of their son, Anand Zachariah. The funeral and thanksgiving service will be held at St. John's Church, Fort, Vellore at 4.30pm on Tuesday, May 10th 2022
Sons: Anand and Santosh, Daughter-in-law: Anuja, Grandsons: Samin and Sachin.

Electric vehicle catches fire in Telangana

STAFF REPORTER
KARIMNAGAR

An electric-powered scooter caught fire after its battery exploded while charging at Ramachandrapur village in Karimnagar district of Telangana late on Sunday. No one was injured in the incident.

Odelu, a farmer, parked his electric scooter, which he purchased a few months ago, in front of his house and plugged the vehicle's charger port into a power socket.

A little later, the battery exploded.

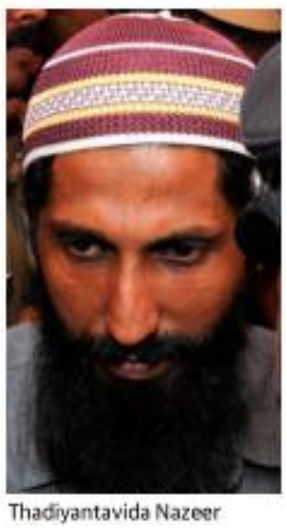
Voltage fluctuation is suspected to be the reason behind the electric vehicle's battery fire.

Terror case: HC upholds NIA court order

Three acquitted as court gives them benefit of doubt

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

A Division Bench of the Kerala High Court on Monday confirmed the conviction and life imprisonment awarded by the Ernakulam NIA special court to 11 accused, including the alleged Lashkar-e-Taiba operative Thadiyantavida Nazeer, in a case relating to the recruitment of youth for training in Kashmir for carrying out terrorist activities in the country.


Thadiyantavida Nazeer

The Bench comprising Justice K. Vinod Chandran and Justice C. Jayachandran, however, acquitted three other accused granting them the benefit of the doubt and also on grounds of lack of evidence for their involvement in the conspiracy.

The allegation by the NIA against the accused was that they had conspired to incite and instigate Muslim youth to wage war against the country for presumed atrocities perpetrated against the community. The accused were incited by their leaders Sarfaraz Nawaz, Nazeer, and Pakistani national Abdul Rehman, alias Wali, to wage war against the nation.

Case transferred

Four Keralite youths were killed in an encounter with the security forces. The Edakkad police in Kannur had registered a case in 2008 after they arrested first accused Abdul Jaleel who had returned from the recruitment camp. The case was transferred to the NIA in 2010.

The Bench, while dismissing the appeals by the accused against the NIA court verdict and disposing of the NIA appeal, observed it had been clearly established that a conspiracy was hatched to recruit men for terrorist activities, train them in arms and ammunition, and wage war against India, which, probably, fizzled out with four out of the five being shot dead in encounters.

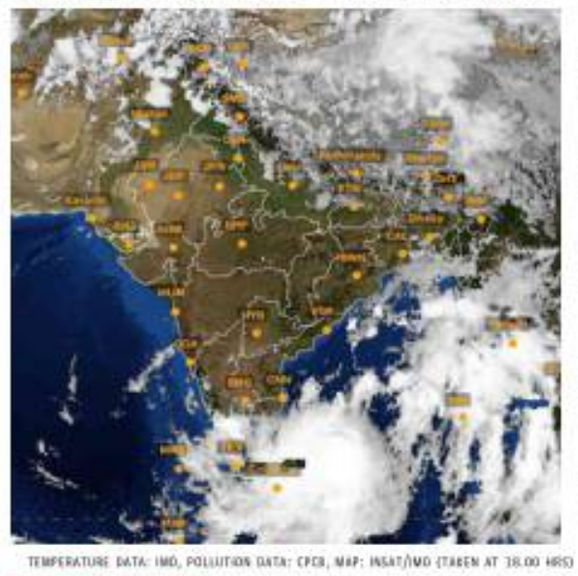
It would have resulted in far reaching consequences, generally for the nation and particularly for the State; but for the sudden death of four of such recruits in encounters at Kashmir. There was a clear unbroken chain of circumstances connecting the accused, with the plot hatched to do recruitment to perpetrate terrorist activities

Assistant Solicitor General S.Manu, appearing for the NIA, argued that there was a conspiracy to carry out anti-national activities, which developed over a long period and occurred at various places and at different points of time.

The specific purpose of the recruitment was to give them training in the use of arms and ammunition and then instigate them to wage war against the country and spread terror in the country. The pivotal role was played by Nazeer, who had arranged meetings of the various persons involved at different places and coordinated the activities.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, coastal Odisha, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Sikkim, West Bengal, Sikkim, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	32.2	26.6	Kozhikode	–	34.8	28.8
Ahmedabad	–	43.1	29.0	Kurnool	–	41.4	27.8
Aizawl	–	25.2	21.4	Lucknow	–	37.7	27.2
Allahabad	–	39.3	26.4	Madurai	–	39.2	28.6
Bengaluru	2	31.5	21.9	Mangaluru	0.1	31.0	26.0
Bhopal	–	42.9	26.2	Mumbai	–	33.5	27.0
Bhubaneswar	5.8	35.5	26.6	Mysuru	–	33.4	21.2
Chandigarh	–	37.8	28.9	New Delhi	–	40.0	27.6
Chennai	–	34.3	28.3	Patna	–	35.3	24.8
Coimbatore	0.7	31.9	22.6	Port Blair	23	30.1	24.7
Dehradun	–	35.2	22.6	Puducherry	–	34.3	27.0
Gangtok	–	24.1	15.3	Pune	–	39.9	26.4
Goa	–	34.0	27.5	Raipur	–	41.4	28.5
Guwahati	–	37.1	25.4	Ranchi	–	36.2	22.7
Hubballi	–	36.0	24.0	Shillong	–	25.0	16.1
Hyderabad	–	40.0	26.8	Shimla	–	28.6	20.4
Imphal	27	27.4	20.0	Srinagar	–	30.4	13.7
Jaipur	–	43.2	29.6	Thiruvananthapuram	–	33.0	26.8
Kochi	7.6	30.6	25.4	Tiruchi	–	36.1	26.5
Kohima	1	25.8	13.5	Vijayawada	0.4	40.8	26.2
Kolkata	–	32.4	27.4	Visakhapatnam	–	36.4	27.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	11	12	...	250	159	
Bengaluru	7	35	21	114	112	
Chennai	10	10	26	83	107	
Delhi	16	40	62	279	172	
Hyderabad	5	26	43	143	136	
Kolkata	5	92	21	19	22	
Lucknow	8	35	76	121	118	
Mumbai	–	49	19	293	165	
Pune	8	33	116	221	117	
Visakhapatnam	20	16	9	29	63	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Kota, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 265 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 34

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

'Iron Age began in T.N. 4,200 years ago'

Evidence found at Mayiladumparai provides answer to long-standing question: CM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Excavations carried out by the Tamil Nadu Department of Archaeology at Mayiladumparai in Krishnagiri district have placed the beginning of the Iron Age in Tamil Nadu 4,200 years Before Present (BP) or 2200 BCE (Before Common Era), Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said in a *suo motu* statement in the Assembly on Monday.

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin addressing the Assembly on Monday.

Separately, the Department released a report, 'Mayiladumparai - Beginning of Agrarian Society; 4,200-year-old Iron Age Culture in Tamil Nadu', detailing the findings.

In his foreword to the report, the Chief Minister said the time of the introduction of iron technology in Tamil Nadu had been eluding archaeologists and scientists. "Now, the answer is achieved in concrete terms with the evidence found at Mayiladumparai. The amalgamation of evidence unearthed at Mangadu and Thelungaur in the Mettur taluk of Salem district and today's scientific date obtained for the samples at Mayiladumparai clearly placed the introduction of iron in Tamil Nadu 4,200 years ago," he said.

The cultural items unearthed during the excavations revealed that the site had survived since the Neolithic period till the historical period. Microlithic, Neolithic, Iron Age, Early Historic and Historic are the five cultural sequences identified based on ceramics, iron objects, rock art, memorial stones and inscriptions, the report said.

Three rock shelters with rock paintings were also found. The paintings were done invariably with white and red pigments. "The red pigment is superimposed with white pigment, indicating an earlier date to the red pigment. The non-occurrence of any habitation material in the rock shelter suggests that these are executed on some special occasions," the report said.

The findings at the site were sent to Beta Analytic, a radiocarbon dating lab in Florida, for analysis. The findings yielded two important Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (AMS) dates that provided a clue to understanding the introduction of iron and the transformation of the late Neolithic phase to the early Iron Age. The two dates yielded the mid-range calibrated dates of 1615 BCE and 2172 BCE. Based on these, it was assessed that iron first appeared in Tamil Nadu as early as in 2200 BCE. "The late Neolithic phase was identified before 2200 BCE as there is a cultural deposit of 25 cm below the dated level. The black-red-red ware was introduced in the late Neolithic phase itself, in contrast to the wider belief that the black-and-red ware was introduced in the Iron Age," the report said.

The CM also announced that the Department of Archaeology will undertake excavations at Pattanam in Kerala, Thalakkadu in Karnataka, Vengi in Andhra Pradesh and Palur in Odisha.

Kerala shop attacked for not selling non-halal beef

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOZHIKODE

Political organisations took out protest marches in Perambra town in Kozhikode district of Kerala on Monday after a group of people, allegedly associated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), went on the rampage at a supermarket there the previous day seeking the sale of beef without a 'halal' sticker.

Three staffers at the store sought treatment at the taluk hospital after they were injured in the incident. The police arrested Prasoon Narayanan, a native of Meppayyur, a suspected RSS activist, based on their complaint. He was charged under Section 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide), produced in court, and remanded in 14-day judicial custody on Monday. Though it is learnt that one more person has been booked on a similar charge, the police did not confirm this.

Local sources said that the incident happened around 3 p.m. on Sunday. Some persons reached the supermarket to find out if beef without halal stickers was available there. When the staff refused to meet their demand, they tried to create a commotion. It has been claimed that these people came back at 6 p.m. and ransacked the place.

Activists of the Democratic Youth Federation of India, Youth Congress, and traders' organisations took out protest marches on Sunday night itself, claiming that Hindutva organisations were trying to create a situation similar to North India in Kerala.

Traders' bodies also staged a protest, saying their right to conduct business was being curtailed.

CPI leader stages protest against Jagan

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
ANANTAPUR

Communist Party of India Andhra Pradesh secretary K. Ramakrishna along with other party leaders – State committee member D. Jagadeesh and Anantapur district secretary Jaffer – staged a half-naked protest march against what he termed the authoritarian rule of Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, here on Monday. The leaders walked one km without shirts on the main streets of the city.

The CPI leaders, who were arrested on Sunday while trying to go to Vijayawada by train, were released late at night.

The party leaders slept at the foot of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's statue as a protest against the alleged stifling of democracy by the present regime, by not allowing democratic protests against the government policies.

Mr. Ramakrishna demanded immediate roll back of the petrol prices.

Fixing the slope

Preventive measures: Civic workers are engaged in removing boulders from a hill at Kasturibhaipet in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, on Monday. The locals complained of loose soil resulting in landslips and boulders rolling down the hill during rainy season. • V. RAJU

A.P. man kills woman techie, shoots self

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NELLORE

In a shocking incident, a 35-year-old techie, gunned down a woman, also a software professional, and later shot himself to death as she reportedly turned down his offer to marry her at Thatiparthi village, in SPSR Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh, on Monday.

Apparently unable to come to terms with the decision of the woman, Kavya, working from home for an information technology firm in Pune, the man, A. Suresh Reddy entered her bedroom when she was busy with her work.

Suresh shot her with a gun from a very close range. One of the bullets hit her on the head which proved fatal, the police said.

Minutes after the incident, Suresh went to a nearby godown and shot himself to death, the police said.

(Dial 100 to overcome suicidal tendencies).

Send memory card for analysis again, says prosecution in actor case

'Dileep viewed contents of the card several times'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

The prosecution in the actor rape case has sought to send the memory card in the custody of the special court, which contains the visuals of the alleged rape, for forensic analysis once again.

Dileep

Raising the demand in the court on Monday, Assistant Public Prosecutor K.B. Sunilkumar said the further investigation in the case had revealed that actor Dileep, the eighth accused, and his associates had viewed the visuals and shared them.

However, Special Judge Honey M. Varghese, who is considering the case, asked the prosecution to convince the court about the need for further analysis of the memory card since the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), Thiruvananthapuram, had provided the answers for the same set of questions raised by the prosecution.

The FSL had provided four reports on the content of the card. Yet, the prosecution was seeking another report on the same set of questions. The explanation provided by the prosecution for sending the card again for analysis was insufficient, the court noted.

The lab had reported that the visuals were first recorded in the memory card on February 17, 2017. The entire files and file properties in the memory card were retrieved and a report was given the same year. The lab had also reported that the card was not accessed since December 13, 2018. A forensic expert from the lab had also made a sworn deposition before the court that the hash value of the memory card, an indication regarding the date of access of the card, had not changed since the day, the court pointed out.

As the prosecution insisted on sending the card for analysis by arguing that the actor had viewed the memory card several times, the court pointed out that he had viewed the contents of the card several times at the Magistrate Court, Angamaly and later at the special court on instructions from the Supreme Court.

The court sought to know whether the prosecution intended to say that the accused had accessed the memory card, which was in its safe custody. The prosecution, which replied in the negative to the query from the court, argued that an investigation on how Dileep was able to view the visuals had to be carried out.

Tamil Nadu govt. to hike property tax every year

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu government, which increased the property tax in all urban local bodies last month, has decided to increase it annually.

With a Bill introduced in the Assembly on Monday, the government sought to include new Sections for an enhanced property tax in the laws governing town panchayats, municipalities and municipal corporations.

"The Tamil Nadu government has decided to require the municipal councils to take action to enhance the property tax annually," read a Bill tabled by Minister for Municipal Administration K.N. Nehru.

AIADMK MLA Agri S.S. Krishnamurthy (Polur) opposed the Bill at the introductory stage to register his party's opposition to the measure.

The new provision the Bill seeks to include in the Chennai City Municipal Corporation Act, 1919; the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920; the Madurai City Municipal Corporation Act, 1971; and the Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation Act, 1981, is, "The council may, by resolution, enhance property tax at such a rate, within the minimum and maximum rates as may be notified by the government, from time to time."

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The Bill seeks to amend the four Acts, along with the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Act, 1978, to include the programme.

"Indiscriminate disposal of faecal sludge and septage in open environment and waterbodies poses a great danger to the environment. Therefore, it is imperative to regulate the operation and movement of the lorries, trailors or any other vehicles used for decanting of septic tanks and cesspools and transportation of faecal sludge and septage to ensure safe disposal," according to the Bill.

The government has recognised the importance of faecal sludge and septage management as a "viable" method of sanitation for small cities and towns and outgrowths in metropolitan cities, it said. In pursuance of the National Policy on Faecal Sludge and Septage Management, the programme has been formulated to provide "complete full cycle of sanitation in local bodies".

The Bill provides for new Sections in these Acts on the grant of licence for collection, transport and disposal of sludge, the duties of a licencee, monitoring of desludging operations and prohibition of unsafe disposal, penalties and the power to seize and confiscate vehicles and articles, among others.

CM instructs officials to repair urban roads on a priority

'Drinking water should be supplied to all households daily'

STAFF REPORTER
VIJAYAWADA

Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has instructed the officials to take up road repair work in corporations and municipalities on a priority basis.

"The officials concerned must take the pictures before and after the repair works as it is done for the works undertaken under the Nadu-Nedu scheme," said the Chief Minister while addressing a review meeting of the Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department on Monday. He also ordered that drinking water be supplied to every household on a daily basis, and that people's grievances be resolved with 'utmost responsibility'.

"A MIG layout should be developed in each Assembly constituency and plots with clear title deeds should be made available by following the rules," said Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy. The officials informed the Chief Minister that around 6,791 acres of land have been identified in 82 urban constituencies and layout works were in progress in Guntur, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Kadapa, Kurnool, Sri Sathya Sai and Tirupati districts.

Referring to the TIDCO houses, the Chief Minister said that all infrastructure should be created on a large scale in the colonies. "A sum of ₹5,500 crore has been spent on the TIDCO houses in the last three years and more funds will be allocated in the coming days," he said.

Alarm bells

Sikh separatism is now feeble, but vigilance is essential

Symbols of Sikh separatism that appeared at the Himachal Pradesh Assembly complex in Dharamshala on Sunday suggest that forces promoting it are active and capable of mischief. Purported flags of imaginary Khalistan were put up on the gate of the complex, and slogans scrawled on the walls. The State police chief has set up a special investigation team and ordered heightened vigil at the borders. On the same day, the police in Punjab said they had averted a terror attack after arresting two men, said to be Khalistani sympathisers, with explosives in Tarn Taran district. A U.S.-based Khalistani separatist has been charged in Himachal Pradesh under the UAPA and the Indian Penal Code. Opposition parties in the State, the Congress and AAP, have used the incident to make a case against the ruling BJP, months ahead of the Assembly election. Comparable rhetoric had shadowed the recent election in Punjab, where political opponents accused one another of being sympathetic to separatists. That was avoidable loose talk on a sensitive topic. Sikh separatism, and the accompanying terrorism supported by Pakistan, was snuffed out by the Indian state decades ago, but at a huge human and political cost. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated and the sectarian violence against the Sikh community that followed in different places deepened the fault lines. Those wounds continue to fester, and care must be taken by the state, political actors and community leaders to ensure that history does not repeat itself as yet another tragedy.

A separatist plan to hold a referendum on Khalistan in Himachal Pradesh is laughable, but vigilance is essential. The groups that call for Khalistan are based abroad, and command little respect in the Sikh mainstream at the moment. They campaign among the Sikh diaspora, alleging mistreatment of the community by the Indian state. They have a favourable environment though. Domestic divisions in India, exacerbated by the politics and policy of the ruling BJP, are echoing among the diaspora in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Australia. Religious minorities and Dalits have been disconnected from the diaspora mobilisation of the Indian government. Hindutva affiliates helm Indian diaspora politics. This provides an opening for India's enemies to inflame passions. Fortunately for India, there are not many takers for such propaganda among the Sikh community. But thoughtless comments and campaigns against the community, particularly when they are led by powerful political actors, can trigger serious reactions. In its desperation to delegitimise the farm agitation, the BJP tacitly supported campaigns that portrayed Sikh protestors as anti-nationals inspired by foreign countries. Though isolated and feeble, Sikh separatism continues to flicker. It must serve as a constant reminder for social cohesion and impartial state policy.

Relentless war

Russia should support the UN Secretary General's peace mission and end the attacks

Over two months after Russia's invasion of Ukraine began, the UN Security Council finally managed to issue a statement calling for 'a peaceful solution' and backing the efforts of Secretary-General António Guterres in this direction. While the carefully drafted statement avoided any reference to 'war', 'invasion' or 'conflict', the fact that the 15 members of the Council, including Russia which has veto power, unanimously agreed to the call for peace shows that all sides are feeling the heat of the conflict. Going by the votes in the UN General Assembly, international public opinion is heavily against the war and the UNSC is expected to do more to bring the violence to an end. The statement was issued a week after Mr. Guterres held talks with Presidents Vladimir Putin and Volodymyr Zelensky, in Moscow and Kyiv, respectively. But his mission would be successful only if the parties concerned showed seriousness in ending the war. As of now, neither exists beyond statements. For example, Russia stepped up attacks in Ukraine after the UNSC statement was issued. On Sunday, 60 people were killed in Luhansk. On Monday, Mr. Putin, in his Victory Day address marking the Soviet triumph over German Nazis, claimed that the Russian troops were "defending the motherland", indicating that the war will grind on.

When he ordered the 'special military operation' for what he called the "demilitarisation and denazification' of Ukraine, Mr. Putin must have expected a quick victory. But Ukraine's resistance did not only deny the Russians this but also galvanised western support. When western financial and military aid hardened the Ukrainian resistance, the Russian troops, despite their incremental territorial gains in eastern and southern Ukraine, appeared to have got stuck in the battlefield. The stalemate has increased the risks of a wider conflict. The U.S. now seems determined to "weaken Russia", as Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin has said. Russia, with its back against the wall, is warning of a third world war with nuclear weapons. The possibility of a direct Russia-West confrontation makes it the most dangerous moment in global politics since the 1962 Cuban missile crisis. If both sides still believe in rational policymaking, they should immediately look for an offramp. Russia cannot ask for dialogue and peace when continuing to pound Ukrainian cities. Its war machine has slowed down and it is already facing economic and political isolation in Europe. Escalating this conflict, bringing the whole world into danger, does not serve anybody's interest. Instead, Moscow should immediately end the attacks and support the UN Secretary General's mission of finding a peaceful solution that could address the security concerns of both Ukraine and Russia.

Powering up after the power crisis shock

A lesson is that demand growth projections and supply arrangements need to become central to the regulatory process

AJAY SHANKAR

The power crisis has taken us by surprise. The question in everyone's mind is: where did we go wrong? And who slipped up? Clearly, there was complacency as the power supply position was comfortable for some years; there was 'surplus' capacity. Then there were stranded coal- and gas-based power plants which had become non-performing assets. It was, however, not appreciated that electricity demand growth had been lower than expected, due to slower and less energy-intensive economic growth. The robust economic recovery after two waves of COVID-19 and the unexpected heat wave have brought back power cuts. The Government is undertaking emergency measures such as cancelling passenger trains so as to be able to get the Indian Railways to transport more coal to power plants, and issuing directives to use more imported coal to tide over the supply shortfall.

Nature of consumer demand

Taking a holistic view of responsibilities in the supply chain would be helpful in avoiding such recurrences. Under the Electricity Act, it is the responsibility of the Distribution Licensee/Company (Discom) to provide reliable quality and round-the-clock electricity to all consumers to meet full demand. To do so, they enter into contracts with a number of generating companies in order to ensure adequate supply. These Discoms work under the oversight of the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions.

With higher incomes and the consequent increase in the use of air-conditioners and other electrical appliances, the nature of electricity demand is undergoing a qualitative transformation with rising daily and seasonal peaks, and spikes on very hot or cold days. This will only increase in the years ahead.

Towards reliable supply

While demand prediction is inherently uncertain, the questions to ask are whether Discoms have been making and updating their demand growth projections and scenarios over the medium term with adequate supply arrangements in a robust manner. And whether State Regulatory Commissions have been demanding these and scrutinising them transparently. This needs to become central to the regulatory process. Ensuring reliable supply to meet unanticipated peaks, as have occurred now, requires making supply arrangements with reserve margins that are adequate. These would be expensive just as backup private captive diesel generation is. The Regulatory Commissions need to provide for such expensive peaking power arrangements in the tariffs they approve. It is also time to move towards separate peaking power procurement contracts in addition to the present system of long-term thermal power contracts. Once things have set-

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tled, it would also be useful to see in a granular manner where generators have defaulted contractually in supplying power to Discoms, and where Coal India or the Indian Railways have been in default. There may be a case for tightening their contractual terms with enforceable financial penalties.

Further, a transition to demand-based time of day rates of electricity for generators as well as consumers would help. These should be brought in by the Regulatory Commissions. Peak demand moderation and flattening of the demand curve through a change in consumer behaviour is feasible with smart meters. But this would take place only with a strong price signal, a large differential in peak and off-peak rates. This differential needs to be so wide that large consumers find it worthwhile to put in sensors and timers, and use cheap electricity at around 3 a.m. to switch on geysers and washing machines, and to raise air conditioner temperature settings by 2°-3° Celsius in the afternoon on hot days when the electricity is expensive. A very high level of reliability has higher costs, contracts for unexpected peak demand. The requirement of backup power will keep rising as the share of uncertain renewable generation grows. Specific options need to be transparently evaluated and decisions taken. The consumer, the political class and the Regulatory Commissions have the collective responsibility for optimal decisions for reliable supply rather than the short-term comfort of minimal or no tariff increases resulting in the consequences that we are now witnessing.

Subsidies and politics

Free supply of electricity to farmers and households up to a specified level is not a problem as long as State governments pay for it as provided in the Act, and the Regulatory Commissions do not at the same time act from a political point of view and shy away from determining cost-reflective tariffs. The problem is the absence of meaningful political discussion on the relative benefits from subsidies in different areas and their affordability.

While the problem of delayed payments by Discoms is getting highlighted and needs to be resolved with a sense of urgency, the coal supply problem is not due to this. Coal India is not short of cash to be able to increase production. It should do so faster. Coal India needs to create capacities to rapidly ramp up production; and the Railways need to carry larger quantities of coal when demand surges, as has happened now. Extreme weather events will increase in intensity and frequency due to climate change. These capacity cushions have to be created at the earliest and paid for.

Some solutions

There is idle but expensive generating capacity available – about 15-20 GW of gas-based power plants which can run on imported liquefied natural gas, and 6 GW-8 GW of thermal plants which can run on imported coal. The exercise of the option of buying electricity from these plants and having no power cuts would provide immediate relief. But where an across-the-board increase in rates may not appear feasible, consumers who are willing to pay more could be kept free of power cuts with purchase and supply of more expensive electricity generated from imported coal and gas. This willingness could be conveyed through resident welfare/ industries associations. They could pay for this through a peak demand surcharge in their bills. The Regulatory Commission could undertake subsequent scrutiny to see that the surcharge has been computed correctly.

To improve reliability, Discoms, with the approval of the Regulatory Commissions, need to go in for bids for storage. It may even turn out to be the cheaper option in the short run to meet peaking power needs. Large-scale grid storage is in any case essential to achieve the goals for 2030 – of creating 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity including 450 GW of renewables.

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A dissonance in India-German ties

Whether the PM's visit to Germany changed the perception about India's stand on Ukraine assumes critical importance

SHANTHIE MARIET D'SOUZA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Germany on May 2 came at a critical time, shaped by the ongoing Ukraine war. In recent times, New Delhi has been at its assertive best. Even as the United States and the European nations have applied sanctions on Moscow and provided military aid to Ukraine, New Delhi has refused to play ball. It has not only avoided condemning Moscow by abstaining in the United Nations (UN) on critical votes on the war but has also continued to engage with Moscow to increase its import of cheap crude. Its long-standing and traditional defence links with Russia remain intact. Such moves have raised eyebrows and attracted some amount of criticism from the West. New Delhi, however, insists that its position on the war is non-partisan and should be appreciated by its allies and friends.

For a nuanced stance

However, assertive media and conference statements by India's External Affairs Minister notwithstanding, there is growing recognition in India's strategic circles that New Delhi has to bring in more nuance to its approach with Europe. Given India's stature, being completely isolated by the West is certainly not a best-case scenario. However, with an assertive China on the world stage and in particular, at the border with India, New Delhi needs to manage a delicate balancing act while asserting its right to pursue its national interests and strategic autonomy in foreign policy. Mr. Modi's three-nation Europe tour (May 2-4) needs to be contextualised with these factors in the backdrop.

There is a clear, albeit delayed, move toward a unified response *vis-à-vis* Russia in Europe. Its significant reliance on Russian gas and crude notwithstanding, condemnation of Moscow's moves in Ukraine is near unanimous in Europe. Not surprisingly, India's abstention in the UN votes and its continuation of its relationship with Russia have raised quite a few hackles in Germany. In private as well as public discussions, India's role as a major power and largest democracy are being brought to the forefront and there is a growing expectation that India needs to make a shift from its position on Russia and join hands with the European countries and the U.S. in protecting democracy in need. Amidst these expectations and pressure tactics, whether the Prime Minister's visit to Germany helped change the perception and bridge the gap that has been growing, assumes critical importance.

Mr. Modi's visit took place during the first term of the German Chancellor, Olaf Scholz. Prior to Mr. Modi's visit, the Chancellor had visited Japan, in his first visit to Asia. This is construed as a sign of Germany reaching out to other

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Asian powers and building on democratic alliances as an outcome of its Indo-Pacific guidelines. These two meetings had raised, albeit mistakenly, expectations among some analysts here in Germany of a democratic dividend that may lead to a convergence of views and possibly policies on Russia between the two countries. As proved by the Ukraine war, however, New Delhi has chosen to prioritise its interests over pursuing a policy that is shaped by common democratic values that define Germany, Japan and India.

The China factor

In fact, for several years now, Indian policies have resisted promoting democracy in the neighbourhood and have instead opted to deal with de facto powers. Afghanistan, where India is still reluctant to do business with the Taliban, is probably an aberration. On the other hand, India's policy towards Myanmar's junta is defined by this pragmatism. Therefore, the democratic rationale of a convergence of interests to protect democratic values is hardly a strong binding chord between India and Germany. The geopolitical convergence of countering the rise of China particularly in the Indo-Pacific seems to be a more compelling necessity rather than the ideational and normative aspects of protecting democratic norms and values.

Engagement with Europe

New Delhi's objective is multifaceted as far its relations with Europe in general and Germany in particular is concerned. So far, it has not revised its position on Russia and Ukraine, by continuing to underline its unequivocal condemnation of the violence. However, unlike the West, India makes it clear that irrespective of its position on a solitary issue of geopolitical relevance, which the former may find difficult to reconcile with, the bilateral engagement with countries such as Germany, France and Denmark remains at the top of its priority. The purpose of such a policy is clearly to present itself as not being isolated but as a swing power that can move deftly on the geopolitical and diplomatic chessboard.

Towards this direction, the holding of the sixth India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations (IGC), a biennial format which India conducts with Germany, assumed critical importance. India attaches significant importance to the 'long-standing commercial ties' with Germany, an important pillar of the 'Strategic Partnership', which the two nations entered into in 2000. The idea, therefore, is to highlight a convergence of issues of economics, technology and climate change (low hanging fruits), in spite of the intensifying dissonance on democratic and strategic issues. That remains the crux of the Indian approach.

Room for full ties

It remains a fact that India-Germany relations have yet to achieve their full potential. One of the factors for that, possibly, is the lack of understanding of each other's strategic cultures and domestic politics. It is doubtful that Mr. Modi's visit changed any of that, particularly in the absence of any media interaction and strategic communication. Germany has invited Mr. Modi to the G-7 meeting in June this year, construed as a bid to wean India away from its position on Russia. However, while the attempt may not be successful, it is certainly a pointer to the emerging multipolarity in the international system, which provides space for major powers such as Germany and India to play a greater role in bringing peace and stability in other theatres, particularly in Afghanistan and the Indo-Pacific. In times of shifting geopolitical alliances and realignments, India and Germany can emerge as important poles in shaping the new world order.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Negotiate peace

The Russian invasion of Ukraine appears to be turning uglier with every passing day, with its troops targeting residential areas and human shelters (Page 1, "Russia bombs shelter, 60 dead", May 9). A war which was expected to result in a quick and decisive Russian victory has been prolonged for too long in the face of determined and brave Ukrainian forces. In spite of back-breaking sanctions, Russia does not seem to be deterred. Further, given the dependence of some European nations on Russian oil and gas, the proposal by G7 leaders to phase out Russian oil imports may be difficult to implement. As such, only the active and concerted intervention of the United Nations would appear to be the best way to end this war. UN Secretary-General Guterres has the onerous responsibility to continue his efforts to broker peace between Russia and Ukraine.

KOSARAJU CHANDRAMOULI, Hyderabad

■ The helplessness of the world community is most surprising – there has been only tall talk with no constructive solutions. Why is the world not able to get its act together and stop the war? Is the world in acute shortage of capable leaders who can broker peace?

BALASUBRAMANIAM PAVANI, Secunderabad

■ The largest conflict in Europe since the Second World War has developed into a punishing war of attrition due to the Ukrainian military's unexpectedly effective defence. The deadly attacks by Russian forces are appalling. Civilians must be spared in times of war.

S.S. PAUL, Chakdaha, Nadia, West Bengal

WHO and India data

There is no point in brooding over the World Health Organization's estimate of COVID-19 deaths in our country. Perhaps the actual number lies somewhere between the data by India and WHO.

The fact is that India could not manage well the overwhelming second COVID-19 wave. But India did well in vaccinating a large section of the population. The strengths and weaknesses in the health-care system are well known now. The gained knowledge should be used to plug the loopholes, strengthen the health-care system and be battle ready for further eventualities.

Dr. D.V.G. SANKARARAO, Nellimarla, Andhra Pradesh

Minister's speech

There are some points in the report about Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and her speech at a function in Chennai (Inside pages, May 9) that must be contested, in particular, her line, "I am thankful that Narendra Modi was India's Prime Minister when COVID happened." Has the Minister forgotten the worst "COVID crisis" management by the Government? And what about the strange statement in Parliament that the Government has no data on COVID deaths? India has not forgotten the sight of migrant workers walking home over thousands of kilometres, in many instances, with inadequate food, water and money because of a shock "lockdown". The Minister must be reminded about this.

Y. ZAKIR HUSSAIN, Chennai

Ban revoked

Most Opposition leaders in Tamil Nadu, particularly the BJP, might have thought the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, M.K. Stalin, would not relent on the issue of banning "Pattina Pravesam".

But Mr. Stalin must be complimented for his statesman-like decision in revoking the ban. It could have snowballed into a law and order problem that would have provided an opportunity on a platter for the BJP's leaders to accuse the DMK government of being anti-religious. The whole issue has been resolved on a sweet note.

V.N. GOPAL, Chennai

■ Age-old religious customs , rituals and traditions have their own inherent significance, values and sentiments. It is only wise and ideal for the Tamil Nadu government to avoid any interference with them since vested interests will always be waiting in the wings to stoke hatred and disharmony in society. The Chief Minister deserves praise for respecting the concerns and sentiments of various segments of society and initiating swift action.

V. JOHAN DHANAKUMAR, Chennai

■ It is strange that an age-old custom was found to be objectionable, amounting to 'a violation of human rights'. A law and order problem does not pop up in a jiffy. Law and order problems are largely due to flights of the political imagination. It is satisfying that the Chief Minister has had the final say in the matter.

MANI NATARAJAN, Chennai

Why the COVID-19 numbers matter

Reporting every death with the accurate and verifiable cause of death is essential for public health

JAGDISH RATTANANI
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The World Health Organization (WHO) has estimated the number of deaths in India directly or indirectly attributable to COVID-19 to be 4.74 million. This is the highest for any country and nine times the nation's official count of 5,24,000 as of May 2022. The WHO numbers are derived through robust statistical methods that consider "excess" deaths during the pandemic period. The WHO has models that India has objected to.

The WHO numbers come as an embarrassment for the government, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi claimed in Parliament on February 8, 2022 that "India's efforts (in tackling the pandemic) are being appreciated around the world". The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has questioned the use of mathematical models when "authentic data" are available from India. As per this data, India's total reported deaths from all causes in 2020 were 4,75,000 more than the previous year. Surprisingly, the year-on-year increase in deaths was higher in the years immediately preceding the pandemic – about 6,95,000 in 2019 over 2018, and 4,87,000 in 2018 over 2017, according to official data.

There is a lot of scepticism over the Indian numbers given the irreconcilable and alarming discrepancy between India's count and the WHO estimates. The government has received a lot of flak for the way it handled the pandemic – starting from the sudden and total lockdown to the shortage of oxygen to the way many had to struggle to get admitted in hospitals and died waiting for a bed to the slowness with which vaccination was rolled out.

Inability to report accurately

But this should not blind us to the flaws in our ability to count deaths and determine the causes of deaths. This process requires systems, money and commitment. More than 75 years since it became free, India does not have a public health division which can systematically collect and analyse data on diseases. Such a governmental arm would mandate doctors to report infectious diseases, pick up the earliest signals of outbreaks in any part of the country and keep count of the number of cause-specific deaths. No one in power has publicly acknowledged this missing link or thought it fit to build such a system. The WHO, sometimes sanctimonious in its advice and at other times coercive in its prescriptions, has conveniently side-stepped any support or guidance on that critical front for the last several years.

It may be easy, even fair, to argue that the government is hiding the real numbers of deaths, or that image management is taking precedence over the truth, even though the official count has been widely thought to be lower than actual deaths. The only difference now is that the magnitude of the discrepancy is staggering, and it comes with the official stamp of the WHO.

Yet, the government needed to do little to hide the real numbers that just do not get documented. India's system simply stayed true to its time-tested tendency of reporting less. The internal drivers of data are geared to under-report for a host of reasons, governmental image being but one of them. In the absence of a robust reporting system and standard, hospitals, bureaucrats, civic bodies and even clerks under-report.

What needs to be stressed is that India's health management machinery could not have taken any other route to report the numbers than it did. This is how reporting deaths worked when no one was looking, and this is how it worked when everyone was looking. It also suits the government in this case.

The problems of counting are the same with malaria, typhoid, cholera, rabies, leptospirosis, scrub typhus or death by snake bite. Only with regard to tuberculosis (TB) is there some degree of caution in reporting numbers. This is because of heavy disease burden and an elaborate system of monitoring that includes a TB division in the Central Health Ministry, and State, district and local TB units that go down to the last mile, with the entire design endorsed by the WHO. Yet, reliable, locality-specific, real-time numbers are absent. Eventually statistics get compiled, but no one scrutinises the methods.

We must, therefore, hold the government accountable, but we must also look beyond the immediate blame game and see this as an opportunity for India to build a system that can fix this long-term problem. We need to urgently invest in a robust public health infrastructure that will have to be built from the ground up.

Health management has two parts: public health (with surveillance and prevention) and healthcare (for diagnosis, treatment). It hardly matters to the doctor (healthcare) if somebody died of typhoid fever, since that does not change anything for the diagnosis and treatment of the next patient with some other disease. But for a public health professional, the accuracy of typhoid fever is important for detecting the transmission channel and source of the microbe, in order to prevent more cases. So, reporting every death with the accurate/verifiable cause of death is essential for public health, only if it exists. The demand for accuracy comes from public health, not from healthcare.

TB cannot be controlled by the healthcare protocols given by the WHO. TB control requires both public health and universal, primary and secondary healthcare.

Public health surveillance

Healthcare professionals must report all health events as required by public health in a process called public health surveillance. That must function as the early warning radar system that functions 24X7 in all parts of India. This is not challenging to build as an online platform or app with available bandwidth. This is essential for emerging threats to be noticed and acted upon and for auditing the outcome of budgets spent on disease control. We need diseases diagnosed according to protocols, information collected in real-time and acted upon immediately, and statistics that can be verified. Such a surveillance system was piloted by one of us (Dr. John) in the North Arcot district in the 1980s, sustained for a decade and replicated in the Kottayam district of Kerala in the 1990s, before it was dismantled as the Health Ministry did not grasp the significance of surveillance as information for action.

Births and deaths are demographic events and counting them has been an age-old tool for managing the wealth of the State. It did not evolve in our culture but was necessary for the colonial rulers for managing wealth. Counting must therefore be purposeful, and statistics should emerge as a by-product of that counting. The administrators may believe that counting is only for ex post facto statistics. In this, the significance of surveillance and numbers is lost, and any inaccuracy comes to be seen as unimportant.

In Europe, health managers figured out that microbial diseases had social and environmental determinants that allowed the governments to intervene and prevent infectious diseases; thus was born the concept and infrastructure called public health. We must seize the opportunity to create our own design of health management in our best interests. The WHO can advise, but is not accountable for outcomes. If the government takes that step, it will be a signal achievement towards making India a developed nation.

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The importance of emigrants

For India to increase remittances' contribution to GDP, it doesn't need more workers but skilling and better management

RAJESH GUPTA & RAKESH RANJAN

Though the phenomenon of Indian-origin executives becoming CEOs of top U.S. companies highlights the contribution of Indian talent to the U.S. economy, the role played by Indian semi-skilled migrant labour in the global economy is no less illustrious. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, there are over 13.4 million Non-Resident Indians worldwide. Of them, 64% live in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, the highest being in the United Arab Emirates, followed by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Almost 90% of the Indian migrants who live in GCC countries are low- and semi-skilled workers, as per International Labour Organization estimates. Other significant countries of destination for overseas Indians are the U.S., the U.K., Australia, and Canada.

High remittances

Every year, about 2.5 million workers from India move to different parts of the world on employment visas. Besides being involved in nation-building of their destination countries, Indian migrant workers also contribute to the homeland's socioeconomic development, through remittances. According to a report by the National Statistical Office, urban and rural households receiving remittances (both international and domestic) have approximately 23% and 8% better financial capacity, respectively, than non-remittance-receiving households.

As per a World Bank Group report (2021), annual remittances transferred to India are estimated to be $87 billion, which is the highest in the world, followed by China ($53 billion), Mexico ($53 billion), the Philippines ($36 billion) and Egypt ($33 billion). In 2021, remittances transferred to India had seen an increase of 4.6% compared to 2020. Remittances in India have been substantially higher than even Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and the flow of remittances is much less fluctuating than that of FDI. Still, remittances' contribution of 3% in GDP is lower than that of countries such as Nepal (24.8%), Pakistan (12.6%), Sri Lanka (8.3%) and Bangladesh (6.5%), as per a World Bank report.

Besides being a win-win situation for both the destination and source country, labour migration is good hedging strategy against unsystematic risks for any economy. Human capital should also be invested in a diversified portfolio akin to financial capital. For many countries, remittances have been of vital support to the domestic economy after a shock. For example, after the 2015 earthquake in Nepal, overseas Nepalese increased remittances to an estimated 30% of GDP.

Can India increase remittances to say 10% of GDP? Can the Philippines' model of promoting labour mobility be replicated in India? Both the cost of recruitment of such workers and the cost of sending remittances back to India should come down. The safety and well-being of migrant labour is of top priority for the government. Reducing informal/undocumented migration and formalising all remittances is being given due focus. Recruitment agencies should also be regulated leveraging information technology for ensuring protection of migrant workers leaving India. An integrated grievance redressal portal, 'Madad', was launched by the government in 2015. Of the approximately 78,000 grievances registered so far by the Indian migrants, more than 95% have been resolved.

Provisions of the Emigration Bill

The Indian government proposed a new Emigration Bill in 2021 which aims to integrate emigration management and streamline the welfare of emigrant workers. It proposes to modify the system of Emigration Check Required (ECR) category of workers applying for migration to 18 notified countries. The ECR category mainly comprises those who have not passed Class 10 and face the challenge of risky informal emigration and subsequent hardships abroad. The Bill makes it mandatory for all category of workers to register before departure to any country in the world to ensure better protection for them, support and safeguard in case of vulnerabilities. The proposed Emigration Management Authority will be the overarching authority to provide policy guidance.

The number of migrant workers need not go up for remittances to increase if the skill sets of workers are improved. Provisions of the Bill such as registration of all emigrants, skill upgradation and training, and pre-departure orientation will enhance protection measures. Besides workers, as about 0.5 million students also migrate for education from India every year, the Bill also covers such students. This will provide a comprehensive data set for the efficient management of Indian migrants. Skilling of migrant workers has the potential to boost the domestic economy and low-cost interventions such as foreign language training can be of great help for such workers.

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STATE OF PLAY

Fighting graft charges in Karnataka

The BJP government, beleaguered by corruption scams, is struggling to shake off the stain on its image

K.V. ADITYA BHARDWAJ

The latest corruption scandal to hit the BJP government in Karnataka is the Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) recruitment scam. After initially denying any malpractice, the government ordered a CID probe. The CID found that those paying ₹25 lakh to ₹80 lakh were able to secure top ranks. The discovery of malpractices forced the government to cancel the selection list for 545 PSIs and order a re-exam.

While the BJP has tried to brazen it out, it has not been able to shake off the stain of the scam on its image easily, especially since this comes close on the heels of the resignation of senior Minister K. S. Eshwarappa following the death of a contractor who had accused him of corruption. There have been allegations against BJP leaders, including a Minister, in the PSI recruitment scam too. One of the kingpins of the scam is Divya Hagaragi, a BJP leader who runs a school in Afzalpur, an exam centre for PSI exams that has now turned out to be a hub of malpractices. Two block-level Congress leaders from Afzalpur – Mahantesh Patil and Rudragouda Patil – have also been found to have colluded with Ms. Hagaragi and arrested.

The Opposition Congress has been alleging the involvement of Higher Education Minister Dr. C. N. Ashwath Narayan's brother in the scam. It has also accused the Minister of influencing the probe, a charge that has been vehemently denied by the government and CID. However, the Congress has continued to target him, demanding his resignation and a judicial probe into the scandal, arguing that the CID probe was "neither independent nor credible". JDS leader H.D. Kumaraswamy recently alleged that he had evidence on the "real kingpin", a "future leader of the State." He said the State government would fall if his name was revealed.

Voices within the ruling party are not helping the BJP either. Disgruntled legislator Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, who had accused B.S. Yediyurappa's family of corruption when Mr. Yediyurappa was Chief Minister, recently said there were Ministers in the Cabinet who had paid to become Ministers. "I was offered the Chief Minister's post for ₹2,500 crore and a Minister's post for ₹100 crore," he alleged. BJP State President Nalin Kumar Kateel has said Mr. Yatnal would be served a show-cause notice. But this is not the first time Mr. Yatnal has made allegations of graft in the BJP government, and earlier notices have not had any effect.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had himself come under a cloud over the alleged bitcoin scam where bitcoins worth thousands of crores were allegedly stolen from a hacker in police custody, shortly after Mr. Bommai took charge. However, the government did not relent to Opposition demands and order a probe into the allegations. Meanwhile, Mr. Bommai has not been able to bring a thaw in the frosty relationship between his government and the contractors of the State who are all set to launch an agitation against "massive corruption" in government contracts. In an attempt to improve the image of his government, Mr. Bommai has been trying to spruce up the administration with an overhaul of the top bureaucracy.

The Congress has been aggressively pursuing allegations of graft against the BJP government. It is keen to shift the public narrative away from communal polarisation, while the saffron party wants to pursue it and ensure that the "anti-Hindu" image sticks on the Congress. The BJP has responded by attacking State Congress chief D.K. Shivakumar, who has cases of disproportionate assets, money laundering and benami properties against him. With no perceptible difference between various political players on the issue of corruption, it remains to be seen if this will become a key issue in the 2023 Assembly polls.

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DATA POINT

How the pandemic affected Delhi's poor

In a survey conducted among Delhi's economically weaker sections, 75% said they had to give up their jobs altogether during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, over 60% had to borrow money for a living. While about 70% said that they **were given free food and grains** by the government during the pandemic, over 90% reported that **no financial or job-related assistance** was offered to them. The lack of jobs is the primary concern of the respondents at present, with about 24% saying not having one is their biggest difficulty and 33% saying that providing jobs should be the top priority of the government

The data are based on a survey conducted by **Lokniti**, a research programme of the **CSDS**. It is called amongst "Delhi's Poor" living in Slums/Jhuggis of Delhi

A total of 1,080 people spread across 55 slums of Delhi were interviewed. The interviews were conducted face-to-face between Nov. 2021 and Jan. 2022

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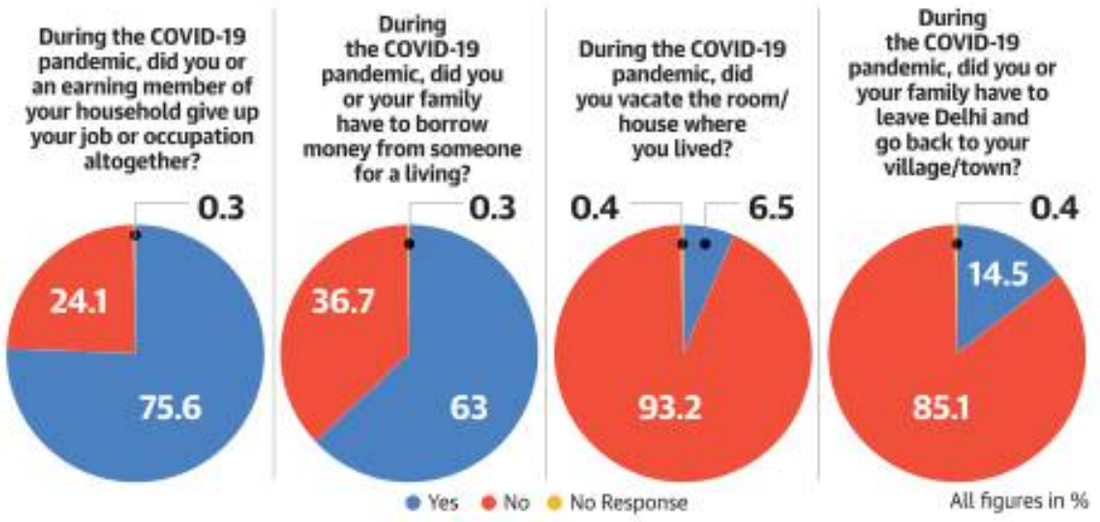

Was any help/ assistance given by the government to you or anyone in your family during the pandemic?

Response	Free grains/ food	Free medicine or treatment	Any financial help	Any help related to job/work	Any other help
Yes	70.6	33.9	8.1	3.6	1.2
No	27.5	64.3	90.5	94.8	96.4
No response	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.6	2.4

What is the biggest difficulty for people like you living here in Delhi?

Response	Respondents
Employment/unemployment/lack of jobs	23.8
Water problem (generally)	9.5
Sanitation/problem of sewers, drains	8.7
Cleanliness, saaf-safai (generally)	8.3
Toilet	8.1
No response	5.6
Inflation/rising prices of essential items, vegetables, fuel, etc.	5.1
Related to housing	4
Water shortage/poor water supply	3

In your opinion, if the government has to take one important step for the benefit of people like you, what should it be?

Response	Respondents
Provide jobs/reduce unemployment	33.1
Clean roads/sewages etc.	11.8
No response	9
Provide toilets	7.7
Provide electricity/water facilities	5.8
Control inflation/price rise	5.4
Provide housing	5.2

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO MAY 10, 1972

Industrial licences: Special govt. drive

New Delhi, May 9: The Industrial Development Minister, Mr. Moinul Haq Choudhury, to-day said a special drive would be launched shortly to ensure speedy implementation of the licences issued for various industrial projects in the country. Replying to a four-hour discussion in the Rajya Sabha on the working of his Ministry, Mr. Choudhury said the proposed drive would enable the Ministry to review the licensing process systematically, to revoke licences where necessary and to assist the entrepreneurs with speedy clearance where called for. He said the drive would be conducted by a regular committee of officers. The hour-long reply of Mr. Choudhury was marked by frequent interruptions by Mr. Bhupesh Gupta (CPI) who repeatedly levelled charges against the Minister who emphatically denied them. Mr. Choudhury said the game of praising some Ministers and running down others had been going on for the past few years. This was aimed at dividing the Congressmen and they would see through it. Raising his voice, he remarked: "I am not a Minister here at the mercy of anybody." He denied there was any proposal under consideration to bring some labour-oriented industries from abroad.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO MAY 10, 1922

Mahatma Gandhi in jail

The "Vedle Magazine" wrote: The world has always persecuted, tortured and killed its greatest benefactors. Christ was crucified, Socrates, Shankara and Dayanand were poisoned. Mahatma Gandhi has been described as the greatest of mankind in our times. No wonder then that he is paying the penalty of his mightiness. He has awakened the masses of India to a sense of manliness and self-respect, and thus equipped India for the task of taking her place as an equal partner with England and the Dominions in the comity of autonomous nations – the British Empire of the future. A weak nation is at once a menace to the peace of the world because it is the cause of international jealousies and rivalries and its own greatest enemy for the modern world has no place for the weak. By rousing India to a consciousness of her own latent strength and by teaching her that she has a message to deliver to humanity, a sacred mission to fulfil and a holy trust to discharge he had rendered an incalculable service to humanity.

FROM PAGE ONE

Mahinda resigns as Sri Lanka Prime Minister

The destruction of this monument was symbolic of the anger that people in a Rajapaksa stronghold feel against Mr. Mahinda, who they once revered and propelled to Presidency for two successive terms.

The agitations intensified last week, in the wake of a worsening crisis for which demonstrators blame the ruling Rajapaksa brothers.

Earlier, addressing supporters at Temple Trees, Mr. Mahinda said he was "willing to make any sacrifice for the people of the country." Soon after the meeting, the supporters were seen pulling down tents of protesters in front of Temple Trees, and they soon proceeded north towards the Presidential Secretariat where they demolished several tents. They torched a library set up in the area and injured several protesters.

Video footage of men carrying poles and savagely assaulting young protesters went viral on Sri Lankan social media.

Both President Gotabaya and Mr. Mahinda condemned the violence on Twitter, only to be slammed by critics who held them directly responsible for the attacks that the police failed to prevent or arrest, despite being present in large numbers.

On Monday evening, massive crowds descended at Galle Face, defying the curfew, to express solidarity with the protesters.

(With inputs from AFP)

We will reconsider sedition law: Centre

The government note submitted earlier had urged the court to accept its 1962 verdict on sedition law as a "binding precedent". The Centre had advised a case-to-case examination of the abuse of sedition law instead of upending it entirely.

Attorney General of India K.K. Venugopal, called in to assist the top court in the capacity of his office, too had upheld the six-decade-old case law as the "last word on the law of sedition".

Monday's affidavit, filed through the Ministry's Additional Secretary Mrityunjay Kumar Narayan, pointed out: "He [Prime Minister] has repeatedly said that one of India's strengths is the diverse thought streams that beautifully flourish in our country."

The affidavit referred to the Prime Minister's push to shed the colonial load. "The Honourable Prime Minister believes that at a time when our nation is marking *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*, we need to, as a nation, work even harder to shed colonial baggage that has passed its utility, which includes outdated colonial laws and practices," the government affidavit noted.

The affidavit drew attention to how the government got rid of offences which created "mindless hindrances" to people and had scrapped 1,500 outmoded laws since 2014-15. The government acknowledged the concerns raised in the public domain about the application and abuse of the sedition law.

The case is listed on May 10 before the three-judge Bench led by CJI Ramana, which is scheduled to examine whether the clutch of petitions challenging the constitutionality of the sedition law need to be referred to a Constitution Bench of five or seven judges.

Anti-encroachment drive stalled in Delhi

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Amanatullah Khan, along with leaders from the Congress, protested at the spot against the drive and said the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led civic body was trying to create an issue between Hindus and Muslims.

The situation in the area remained tense with residents protesting amid the presence of police and paramilitary forces.

Delhi Congress chief Ch. Anil Kumar said the civic body had "woken up after 15 years" to play bulldozer politics over poor people, first at Jahangirpuri, and now at other locations in the city.

Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta later wrote to the Delhi Police Commissioner stating that some Aam Aadmi Party and Congress leaders had obstructed the drive and asked for action to be taken against them.

The AAP, however, did not offer an official reaction to Mr. Gupta's letter.

The matter also reached the Supreme Court, courtesy the CPI(M) plea filed through senior advocate P.S. Surendranath and advocate Subhash Chandran.

'Routine drives'

Though the court would definitely intervene in case of unauthorised demolitions, it said it would not protect illegal encroachments on public roads and pavements against "routine drives".

The court questioned the CPI(M)'s *locus standi* in the matter. "Why have you come here? Why have the affected parties not come?" Justice Rao asked.

The court made it clear that it would not be reduced to a platform for political parties.

The court asked whether the party wanted to withdraw its case and try again before an "appropriate forum", namely the High Court, or whether the apex court should dismiss the case on merits.

The CPI(M) chose to withdraw its petition with liberty to approach the High Court.

'Asani' set to weaken near Odisha coast

In Odisha, a yellow warning has been issued for districts such as Ganjam, Khordha, Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Gajapati and Cuttack.

In West Bengal, Kolkata and adjoining areas received a heavy spell of rain on Monday morning.

Mamata Banerjee on Monday postponed her visits scheduled from May 10 to 12.

In Andhra Pradesh, Visakhapatnam city and the neighbouring coastal districts of Vizianagaram and Srikakulam, have been experiencing strong winds since afternoon on Monday. At some places the wind speed has been touching 40 km per hour.

Heavy rain is likely at one or two places over Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, East and West Godavari districts till Tuesday morning. The Tirupati district administration on Sunday night opened a control room at the Mandal Revenue Office at Tada.

(With inputs from A.P. Bureau and PTI)

'China's intent is to keep boundary issue alive'

Army chief says India's aim and intention in eastern Ladakh is to restore the status quo ante prior to April 2020

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The basic issue with China remains resolution of the border and what is seen is China's intent to keep "the boundary issue alive", according to Army chief Gen. Manoj Pande. In eastern Ladakh, India's aim and intention, as far as the situation is concerned, is to restore the status quo ante prior to April 2020, he said in an interaction with a group of journalists on Monday.

> What we see is that China's intent has been to keep the boundary issue alive. What we need as a country is a 'whole of nation' approach and in the military domain, this is to prevent and counter any attempt to alter the status quo at the Line of Actual Control (LAC)
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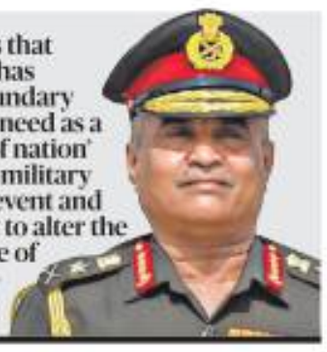
> CHIEF OF THE ARMY STAFF



On the impact of the Ukraine war, he observed that the foremost one was the relevance of conventional wars still remained and they need not necessarily be short and swift. He acknowledged that the Army's supply chains were impacted to "some extent" but asserted that there was sufficient stock to last for a "reasonable" period of time.

"The first and foremost challenge is the resolution of the situations along the borders prevailing since April/May 2020. Our aim and intention as far as the situation is concerned is to restore the status quo ante prior to April 2020 in eastern Ladakh. Our intention is also re-establish the trust and tranquillity on both sides," Gen. Pande said. "It cannot be a one-way affair. Efforts should be made from the sides."

On relations with China, he said the basic issue remained the resolution of the border matter. "What we see is that China's intent has been to keep the boundary issue alive. What we need as a country is a 'whole of nation' approach and in the military domain, this is to prevent and counter any attempt to alter the status quo at the Line of Actual Control (LAC)."

Important lessons

To a question from *The Hindu* on the impact of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war on the Indian Army's preparedness, he stated that it had important lessons. The foremost was that the relevance of a conventional war still remained. "We are seeing many platforms – artillery guns, air defence guns, rockets, missiles and tanks being employed in this war in one way or the other. It also tells us that wars need not be necessarily be short and swift. It could prolong in a manner the current conflict is."

The second important lesson would be to try and be self-reliant in terms of weapons, armaments, equipment and spares from outside. "We are dependent on certain weapon systems specially in the area of air defence, rockets, missiles and certain tanks from Russia and Ukraine," he noted. Increasing the self-reliance and decreasing the dependence on outside sources was an important lesson. "We have already started this, in keeping with the Make in India initiative as also to attain '*Aatmanirbharta*'," he explained.

As far as the immediate impact was concerned, he said, "the supply chain of certain spares and ammunition has got impacted to some extent, but we have adequate stocks to last for a reasonable period of time." They were also looking at certain alternative mitigation measures and identifying alternative sources from friendly foreign countries, while in the long term, this was also an opportunity for the private industry to step up production and meet the requirements.

The third important issue was the aspect of non-contact or non-kinetic warfare and the lesson had come out "loud and clear". Elaborating, he asserted that "be it the cyber domain or information domain, we have seen the battle of narratives has been used to gain advantage over the adversary. We need to increasingly focus on the new domains of warfare, focus on capability development."

In the broader scenario, Gen. Pande said, the emerging geopolitical order was something that should be monitored very closely in terms of realignment and in terms of new alliances. That was something which would perhaps be much clear once the conflict ended.

On the situation in eastern Ladakh, he pointed out that through dialogue at the Corps Commander level between the two countries "many friction areas have been resolved after talking to each other" and the balance areas could "only be resolved through dialogue".

"It is good that we are talking to and engaging with each other. Our troops continue to hold important positions along the LAC," he stressed. The guidance to the troops was to "have a firm and resolute" posture to "prevent any efforts to alter the status quo."

The Army had reoriented its troops from the west to the northern borders since the stand-off. There was a "re-appraisal and re-assessment" of the preparedness. "We have a 'robust posture' on the LAC and 'adequate forces to deal with all contingencies'."

In this direction, he said, the Army had to remain prepared to face a variety of challenges on the entire spectrum.

'Jail denied Saibaba a plastic bottle'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

G.N. Saibaba, a convict who is 90% physically disabled and wheelchair-bound, was denied a plastic water bottle by the Nagpur Central Jail authorities on Monday, his advocate said.

Advocate Aakash Sarode told *The Hindu*, "I had taken permission from the jail authorities to get him a plastic bottle and only then I had got the bottle. No reason was given to me for refusing the bottle. Sai cannot carry a glass bottle because it is heavy."

Despite several calls and messages, Superintendent Anupkumar Kumre did not respond to *The Hindu*. However, some from his office, requesting anonymity, said, "We had given permission for a plain, transparent plastic bottle for Saibaba only on humanitarian grounds because he is handicapped. But what his lawyer got was a jar."

NIA searches 20 locations linked to Dawood Ibrahim

Agency detains Salim Qureshi, associate of Chhota Shakeel

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday conducted searches in 20 locations in Mumbai connected with underworld don Dawood Ibrahim and his close associates.

The Central agency is reported to have searched premises in Bandra, Nagpada, Borivali, Goregaon, Mumbra, Bhendi Bazaar, Parel, Santacruz. It detained Salim Qureshi, aka Salim Fruit, an associate of detained gangster Chhota Shakeel. An NIA statement said, "Several *hawala* operators and drug peddlers were associated with Ibrahim and the NIA had registered [a case] in this regard in February. Raids began today."

This is the same case under which Nationalist Congress Party's leader Nawab Malik was arrested and is currently in jail. The NIA filed the FIR on February 3, 2022 under criminal conspiracy and Sections 17 (punishment of raising funds for terrorist act), 18 (punishment for conspiracy), 20 (punishment for being member of terrorist gang or organisation), 21 (punishment for holding proceeds of crime), 38 (offences relating to membership of a terrorist organisation) and 40 (offences of raising fund for a terrorist organisation) of the UAPA.

Red handed: Salim Qureshi being detained by the NIA after conducting a search in Mumbai on Monday. • PTI

The FIR named Dawood Ibrahim, Haji Anees, Chhota Shakeel, Javed Chikna and Tiger Menon. It mentioned that Dawood Ibrahim left India and started controlling his criminal activities in India through his sister Haseena Parkar and others.

Scindia condemns IndiGo incident, promises probe

NCPCR asks Jharkhand police to file FIR

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

Amid outrage over IndiGo denying boarding to a child with special needs for a flight from Ranchi to Hyderabad on Saturday, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Monday said there was "zero tolerance" to such incidents and that he would personally investigate the matter.

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) on Monday asked the Jharkhand police to lodge a First Information Report (FIR) against IndiGo for allegedly barring a differently abled child from boarding a flight at the Ranchi airport. The NCPCR has written to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Ranchi seeking an FIR in the case for violation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, and sought an action-taken report in seven days.

IndiGo's Chief Executive Officer Ronojoy Dutta, in a statement, said he stood by the decision of his airline staff to refuse boarding to the child in the interest of safety as he was showing signs of panic.

The airline also submitted a report to the DGCA, which had tasked a three-member team to conduct a fact-finding probe within a week. The team will visit Ranchi and meet the family in Hyderabad.

The DGCA's rules on Carriage by Air of Persons with Disability (PWD) and/ or Persons with Reduced Mobility cater to issues of improving access, but not those of discrimination.

The rules for PwDs were framed after a similar incident in 2012 when disability rights activist Jeeja Ghosh, who suffers from cerebral palsy, was deboarded from a Spicejet flight because the pilot thought she was "mad".

(With PTI inputs)

How the PM and CJI agree on outdated laws

PM's view on 'colonial baggage' mirrors CJI's oral remarks on sedition, but govt. did not always agree

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's belief that the nation should not suffer the "colonial baggage" of "outdated laws" during *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* mirrors oral remarks made by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana on sedition in July 2021.

Justice N.V. Ramana

The CJI, in an unprecedented judicial criticism of the government's abuse of the sedition provision in the Indian Penal Code (IPC), had questioned the government's reliance on a colonial law, which was once used by the British against Mahatma Gandhi and Bal Gangadhar Tilak.

"Is this law necessary after 75 years of Independence?" CJI had asked the Centre in July 2021.

The CJI had asked the government why it had not thrown sedition out along with other stale laws. The top judge had compared the government's use of sedition to that of "a saw given to the carpenter to cut a piece of wood and he uses it to cut the entire forest itself". People live in fear, the CJI had said.

The contents of the Home Ministry's three-page affidavit on Monday seemed to suggest that the Prime Minister and the CJI are on the same page about the role of antiquated colonial laws like sedition in modern India.

The Ministry said the Prime Minister had "periodically, in various forums, expressed his clear and unequivocal views in favour of protection of civil liberties".

The government said it has removed offences and stale laws which were "mindless hindrances" to the people. The government also seemed to agree with the CJI when it said in the affidavit that laws which "reeked of a colonial mindset have no place in today's India".

But, it seems, the government had not always shared the same viewpoint as the CJI. In December 2021, merely five months after the CJI's remarks, the government, in a written reply to the Parliament, had said there was no proposal to scrap sedition from the penal code.

"The Ministry of Home Affairs has informed that there is no proposal under consideration to scrap Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860," Law Minister Kiren Rijiju had said in the Lok Sabha.

Just a few days ago, the government had submitted a written note in the Supreme Court supporting a 60-year-old judgment which had upheld the validity of the sedition law.

Ministry revises MPLADS rules

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

At a time when MPs have been asking for an increase in the MP Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) fund, the Union Finance Ministry has ordered revised rules, under which the interest that the fund accrues will be deposited in the Consolidated Fund of India.

The order of the Ministry dated April 11 was conveyed to the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha only by the last week of April.

Each MP is allocated ₹5 crore annually under the scheme.

The MPLADS fund is released to the district authority and the MPs only have power to recommend development work. The payment is also released by the designated district authority on completion of the work.

So far, the interest accrued on the fund used to be added to the MPLADS account and could be used for the development projects.

Sharply reacting to these changed guidelines, CPI(M) MP John Brittas, in a letter to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, said the new order was in violation of the MPLADS guidelines of 2016.

Sources said that the Finance Ministry did not consult the parliamentary committee on MPLADS of either House.

CBI books former official at Ministry

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a case against a former staff member of the then Minister of State for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, and some senior officials of the Engineering Projects India Limited (EPIL) on the charge of receiving bribe pertaining to some tenders during 2016-17.

Babul Supriyo, who joined the Trinamool Congress in September 2021, held the charge of the Ministry during the check period.

Centre to hold parleys on sedition law

Congress terms Union government's move a 'course correction' to save face

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The government will "suitably" take into account views of the stakeholders and ensure that the sovereignty and integrity of the nation is preserved while re-examining and reconsidering the law on sedition, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said on Monday.

Senior officials in the Law Ministry claimed that the government will consult with civil society which has expressed concern over the sedition law.

However, Mr. Rijiju emphasised that the Centre's affidavit follows Prime Minister Narendra Modi's clear instructions to repeal obsolete and colonial laws and close to 1,500 laws have been removed since 2014.

Kiren Rijiju

"...the government will reconsider and change the provisions as per the need of the present time. Because there are lots of views coming up," he said on the sedition law.

He added that the Prime Minister expressed his view clearly in favour of protection of civil liberties, respect for human rights and giving meaning to constitutional freedoms.

"..the government has urged the Hon'ble Court to not to invest their precious time in examining the validity of Section 124-A of Indian Penal Code, 1860, added the Law Minister. However, the Congress claimed that the Modi government is trying to "course correct" as it realised that the legislation was about to be quashed by the Supreme Court.

"The Modi government has over the last eight years used the sedition law only to suppress fundamental rights of expression, of opinion, curbing dissent against the BJP, suppressing voices against the RSS, subjugating opinion against the Modi government - be it of activists, political opponents, journalists, or anyone asking questions," Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala alleged.

No magic wands for Cong. revival: Sonia

It can only be achieved through selfless work, unity and discipline, she tells Congress Working Committee

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

There are no magic wands to ensure the party's accelerated revival except selfless work, discipline and an overriding sense of unity and cohesion, Congress president Sonia Gandhi told the Congress Working Committee (CWC) on Monday.

The CWC met to formalise the agenda of the three-day long *Nav Sankalp Chintan Shivir* in Udaipur from May 13. Making her opening remarks, Ms. Gandhi noted that the brainstorming meet should not be reduced to a ritual and urged her colleagues to repay their debt to the party in full measure.

What lies ahead? Congress president Sonia Gandhi with party leaders Rahul Gandhi and K. C. Venugopal at the AICC headquarters in New Delhi on Monday. • SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Key areas

The heads of the six panels that were formed to draft discussion papers pertaining to political issues, economy, social justice, farmers, youth and organisational issues made their presentations.

A separate wing to manage elections, revival of the Parliamentary Board, regular training of workers and a cooling-off period for District and Pradesh Congress Committee chiefs were among the key discussion points. The need for ideological clarity was also discussed at the CWC meet, a source said.

Growing communal polarisation, hate campaigns against minorities, compromising the dignity of parliamentary institutions, misuse of Central agencies to target opponents, and Centre-State relations were among the key political issues that were raised.

Only bullet points on each of the six broad areas were shared by the heads of these subject committees, the source added.

A senior CWC member is said to have pointed out that a separate meet to strategise on how to effectively carry out a *Jan Jagaran Abhiyan* (people's movement) should also be held on the lines of the *Chintan Shivir*.

'Repay debt to party'

The tone for the meet was set by Ms. Gandhi who stressed the point of discipline and noted that "self-criticism within party forums is needed but it should not be done in a manner that self-confidence and morale is eroded and an atmosphere of gloom and doom becomes all-pervasive".

"There are no magic wands. It is only with selfless work, discipline and a sense of consistent collective purpose that we will demonstrate our tenacity and resilience," Ms. Gandhi said.

"The party has been central to the life of each and every one of us. It has expected our total allegiance and has been good to each and every one of us. Now, when we are at a crucial juncture, it is imperative that we step forward and repay our debt to the party in full measure," she added.

At a press conference later, senior leaders Jairam Ramesh and Randeep Surjewala announced that 422 party members, out of which 50% were under the age of 50 and 21% women, would take part in the *Chintan Shivir*.

Pradhan to canvass for NDA presidential candidate

He is likely to meet leaders of parties allied with the BJP

NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has been appointed the *de facto* election agent for the yet-to-be-announced NDA candidate for the upcoming presidential election.

Among some other organisational matters discussed at a meeting held by the BJP top brass on May 2, at party president J.P. Nadda's residence, was the question of shoring up support for the NDA presidential candidate.

The meeting was attended by Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Roads and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, senior party leaders such B.L. Santhosh, as well as RSS joint general secretary Arun Kumar.

In fact, Mr. Pradhan's first port of call was Bihar and a hush-hush meeting was held

Dharmendra Pradhan

with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. The Janata Dal(U), which Mr. Kumar leads, is an NDA ally. While relations between the two parties are lukewarm at the moment, his support has been actively sought.

Mr. Pradhan is likely to meet leaders of parties allied with the BJP or those which are at least on friendly and neutral terms.

"Five years ago, current Minister for Environment Bhupendra Yadav had been the election agent for President Ram Nath Kovind. This role is similar to that, except we are still waiting on a nominee," a senior party leader said.

Polls to elect the President of India are due in July and the electoral college for the same is drawn from legislators from State Assemblies and Members of Parliament, with each vote being given a certain weightage depending on the population of the State.

In total, there are 10.9 lakh votes in the presidential electoral college and as of now, the BJP is leading with a total of 5.42 lakh votes in the NDA kitty, with parties considered neutral and likely to vote with the NDA – the YSRCP and the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) – together clocking 75,528 votes.

Sudhanshu Dhulia, Jamshed Pardiwala take oath as SC judges

Top court regains full strength with their appointment

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia and Justice Jamshed Burjor Pardiwala took oath as Supreme Court judges on Monday.

Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana read out the oath of the constitutional office to the two new judges in a brief, solemn ceremony held in an auditorium of the Supreme Court additional building complex.

Other Supreme Court judges were in attendance on the dais. Justice Dhulia was sworn in first followed by Justice Pardiwala. They would be judges 33 and 34, completing the sanctioned judicial strength of the court.

Justice Pardiwala is in line to be appointed Chief Justice of India years from now. He would then have a tenure of about two years and three months as the top judge of the country.

Taking pledge: CJI N.V. Ramana administering oath to Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia in New Delhi on Monday. • PTI

Justice Dhulia is the second judge to be elevated from Uttarakhand High Court.

The grandson of a freedom fighter who took part in the Quit India Movement, Justice Dhulia, who hails from Madanpur, a remote village in Pauri Garhwal district, was elevated as a judge of the High Court of Uttarakhand in November 2008.

He later became the Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court on January 10, 2021.

Justice Pardiwala would be the sixth member of the Parsi community to become a Supreme Court judge.

A fourth generation legal professional in his family, his father, Burjor Cawasji Pardiwala, had briefly served as the Speaker of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Gujarat besides being a lawyer.

Canada order on Google a boost for India news outlets

They are seeking fair share of revenues

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A recent Canadian order on news intermediaries such as Google has come as a big boost to Indian newspapers and their digital editions in the fight against the alleged monopolist exploitation of their news content by Google. Prominent Indian newspapers and their digital editions have been making representations against the said abuse of monopoly and position by Google.

According to sources, Google earns a huge amount of advertisement revenues on the content generated by the digital editions of these newspapers. However, they allege that there is no fair payback or sharing of revenues by Google, causing huge financial losses to news publishers in India.

According to the Canadian order, an online news Act has been created to regulate digital news intermediaries. The order envisages provisions of fair compensation to news businesses for the news that is made available by the intermediary.

The proposed rule would ensure that platforms like Facebook and Google negotiate commercial deals and pay news publishers fairly for their content. In 2021, Australia had also passed a ground-breaking law making it mandatory for Google and Facebook to pay original news publishers for content on their platforms.

Top Indian newspapers and their digital editions are being represented by the Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA) in a similar fight against Google for fair play in India.

The order in Canada has come at a time when the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has issued notice to Google on the basis of a complaint registered by the DNPA.

Shah visits Bangladesh border

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday reviewed the fencing and other security infrastructure in the Mankachar sector of the India-Bangladesh border.

Accompanied by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Mr. Shah inspected the border from an observation post.

A BSF spokesperson said Mr. Shah discussed infiltration, cattle smuggling, status of boundary fencing and surveillance gadgets with senior officials at the force's Sadartilla Camp.

Later at Tamulpur in western Assam's Bodoland Territorial Region, Mr. Shah laid the foundation stone of a Central Workshop and Stores, second of its kind in the country. It will supply arms and ammunition to the Central Armed Paramilitary Forces in the northeast and parts of West Bengal.

'Gyanvapi petitioners are linked to right-wing group'

Its aim is to create a 'Hindu *Rashtra*'

OMAR RASHID
LUCKNOW

The five women who filed a suit in a local court in Varanasi demanding daily *darshan* and *puja* of what they said was a Maa Shringar Gauri *sthal* (holy site) on the Gyanvapi mosque-Kashi Vishwanath temple premises are associated with a right-wing group which claims its ultimate goal is to create a Hindu Rashtra.

The organisation, Vishwa Vedic Sanatan Sangh (VVSS), is involved in almost 170 cases "in interest of *rashtra* [nation] and *dharma*" across the country at different levels of the judiciary, its president Jitender Singh Vishen said on Monday.

Mr. Vishen is also the uncle of Rakhi Singh, one of the five petitioners in the case, which is currently being heard in the Civil Court Senior Division, Varanasi.

"Hindu *rashtra* is the ultimate goal of the Vishwa Vedic Sanatan Sangh," Mr. Vishen said.

The VVSS was founded in 2013 but registered only in 2018 in Gonda district of Uttar Pradesh. Its central office is in Delhi's Shahdara.

Mr. Vishen said all five women petitioners in the Maa Shrinagar Gauri suit were actively associated with his organisation.

"All are members of the VVSS," Mr. Vishen said, adding that Ms. Singh, his niece, was the national working president of the organisation's youth wing.

The other petitioners – Laxmi Devi, Sita Sahu, Manju Vyas and Rekha Pathak, all residents of Varanasi – are social workers and homemakers, he said.

Ms. Vyas said she filed the suit as she wanted to have daily *darshan* of Maa Shringar Gauri and not just once a year on Chaturthi during Navratra.

Rana to depose before House privilege panel

Independent MP meets LS Speaker

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Lok Sabha member Navneet Rana on Monday met Speaker Om Birla along with her husband and Maharashtra MLA Ravi Rana to share details about the couple's arrest by the Maharashtra police and committed to deposing before the Parliament's privilege committee and submit a written statement.

The Ranas met Mr. Birla at his official residence for 45 minutes, with the couple also expressing their wish to approach Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah to raise the issue of their alleged ill-treatment by the Maharashtra authorities when the couple were in jail recently.

"Lok Sabha Speaker is the custodian of the MPs... I have appealed to him to ensure justice is delivered in our case and action should be taken against those who are accused. I explained to him the entire incident of my arrest. The Lok Sabha's privilege committee will take up my complaints on May 23 and I will also give a written statement to the committee," Ms. Rana, Independent MP from Amravati, Maharashtra, said.

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1.	2022_KMML_468965_1	For the supply of CS Pipes and Fittings
2.	2022_KMML_468949_1	For the supply of Motor Controls Centre (MCC)
3.	2022_KMML_468877_1	For the supply of High Purity Liquid Argon
4.	2022_KMML_468176_1	For the supply of Energy Dispersive Bench top X-ray Analyser
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Sale of BID I & BID II (RFQ & RFP)Document	09.05.2022 to 30.05.2022
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Tender Document Fee	Rs.2,36,000/- (Inclusive of GST @18%)
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Russian envoy gives 'special message'

As Moscow, Washington raise rhetoric over Ukraine, New Delhi steers clear of appearing to pick sides

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

Russia remains grateful for India's contribution in the Second World War, said the Russian Ambassador to India, Denis Alipov, in a special message issued on Victory Day (V-Day) to mark the end of the War in 1945. He called upon all countries, including India, to "stay united" against "hidden geopolitical agendas".

The Russian statement also came ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's travel this month to Tokyo to attend the Quad summit and a possible visit to Germany in June for the G-7 meet, where the U.S. and its allies are expected to increase pressure on India over its stand on Russia and Ukraine.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has, however, said that India's stand on Ukraine, and its attempt at presenting a neutral stance has not changed "one bit" so far.

"Russia stands ready to respond to any threat to its national security," Mr. Alipov said, according to a statement released by the Embassy in Delhi.

"We call on all countries to stay united against double standards, hypocrisy in international relations and hidden geopolitical agendas," he added, in a veiled reference to Ukraine, where Russia has been targeted by Western countries for continuing an invasion since February 24, which includes bombing of civilian targets.

In Moscow, Russian President Vladimir Putin spoke at the Victory Day, or "Pobeda", military parade, where he claimed Russian forces would win in Ukraine the way they had in the Second World War against Nazi forces.

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>
> DENIS ALIPOV
> RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR TO INDIA

Putin attacks NATO

"NATO [North Atlantic Treaty Organization] countries did not want to listen to us, meaning that they in fact had entirely different plans, and we saw this. Openly, preparations were under way for another punitive operation in Donbas, the invasion of our historical lands, including Crimea," Mr. Putin reportedly said, according to translated versions of his televised speech.

Diplomatic experts say that Mr. Putin's speech and the Russian Ambassador's message reinforce Russia's narrative since the beginning of the hostilities in Ukraine that entered the 75th day on Monday, adding that India needs to pay more attention to Russia and the U.S., and less to other countries in Europe and Asia, which "don't matter as much".

"India must deal with the U.S. and Russia as the main protagonists – be it in the G-7, Quad or G-20. The resolution on the Ukraine war will require a Russia-U.S. *modus vivendi*," former Indian Ambassador to Moscow D.B. Venkatesh Verma told *The Hindu*. "The A-league should be our focus, we have to move past the B-teams in B-league," he added.

Apart from the visit to Tokyo and the possible visit to the G-7 summit from June 26 to 28 at Schloss Elmau in the Bavarian Alps to which German Chancellor Olaf Scholz invited Mr. Modi during his visit to Berlin last week, the Prime Minister is expected to take part, along with Mr. Putin, in a virtual BRICS summit hosted by Chinese President Xi Jinping, in June.

Accessible and affordable healthcare must: Mandaviya

'Centre aims to cut treatment costs, have more doctors'

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

The Union government will work holistically in the health sector with synergy between preventive healthcare and modern medical facilities, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Monday.

Besides reducing the cost of treatment of the poor, efforts were on to rapidly increase the number of doctors, Mr. Mandaviya said while inaugurating a multi-specialty outpatient and in-patient block at Lady Hardinge Medical College and associated hospital here.

Mansukh Mandaviya

Holistic healthcare

The new IPD Block will increase the bed strength of the LHMC from 877 to more than 1,000 beds. The IPD Block houses an additional highly sophisticated CT scanner. The new OPD Block has additional facilities for holistic healthcare, including all medical and surgical specialties, Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy and Homeopathy.

Mr. Mandaviya stated that the States played a very crucial role in the implementation of any programme made by the Centre.

Nation come first

"Making health accessible, affordable and patient-friendly is very important. Our efforts need to be in the direction of advancement of the nation; the nation should always come first," he noted.

Bharati Pravin Pawar, Minister of State for Health, said, "It was important to note that better health facilities were not limited only to the treatment of diseases. They also encouraged and promoted social justice. "When the poor get affordable and quality treatment, their faith in the system gets stronger," she said.

Jharkhand official summoned

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned Jharkhand Mining Secretary Pooja Singhal for questioning on Tuesday in connection with a money laundering case, in which a chartered accountant was arrested following seizure of about ₹18 crore in cash last week.

On Monday, the agency recorded the statement of Ms. Singhal's husband Abhishek Jha for the second consecutive day. Earlier, it had arrested Chartered Accountant Suman Kumar after about ₹17.80 crore in cash was seized during the searches in the same case. He was sent to five-day custody of the agency.

Only three attend Tagore Jayanti fete

Trinamool irked by MPs' absence

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Trinamool Congress on Monday expressed disappointment that a majority of the MPs and the government ignored Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore's birth anniversary.

Only three persons – Union Minister of State for Social Justice Pratima Bhowmick, Lok Sabha Secretary-General Utpal Kumar Singh and Trinamool MP Sukendu Sekhar Ray – were present to pay their respects in the Central Hall of Parliament.

Ceremonial function

Mr. Ray said that many BJP Union Ministers tweeted on Rabindranath Tagore on May 7 but no one bothered to attend the ceremonial function.

"Rabindranath Tagore was born on the 25th day of Vaishaka as per the Bengali calendar; it was 7th May in the year 1861. This year the Nobel Prize committee paid rich tributes to Tagore for his contribution to literature. Possibly inspired by the committee's resolution, some Ministers tweeted welcoming the resolution. But unfortunately, today on his birth anniversary, only three persons were present. No other member from any political party was present, this is shocking and painful," he said.

'Minor blast' at police wing HQ in Mohali

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH

A blast occurred on Monday at the Punjab Police Intelligence Bureau headquarters at Mohali in Punjab's Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, shattering a few windowpanes. No casualties were reported.

The police said that no damage has been reported and the area has been cordoned off. The explosion was heard at 7.45 p.m. in which no one is reportedly hurt. The police, in an official statement, said, "A minor explosion was reported at the Punjab Police Intelligence headquarters in S.A.S. Nagar around 7.45 p.m. No damage has been reported. Forensic teams have been called."

Supreme Court stays HC proceedings in IT Rule cases

Top court lists case for further hearing on May 19

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday stayed proceedings in various High Courts on petitions challenging the efficacy of the regulatory frameworks for social media and over-the-top (OTT) platforms under the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021 and the Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules 2021.

"We direct stay of further proceedings pending before the High Courts in the respective cases or to be filed hereafter until the next date of hearing involving a challenge to the IT Rules or Cable TV (Amendment) Rules, which are the subject matter of proceedings in these cases," a Bench of Justices A.M. Khanwilkar and A.S. Oka observed in the order.

The Bench listed the case for further hearing on May 19. The court also listed separately in the same day another batch of petitions highlighting the increasingly strident presence of hate in the media.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta said he would file a chart of cases challenging the IT and Cable TV Rules. Mr. Mehta said the government has also come up with further regulations for OTT platforms, online platforms, intermediaries, and online news. The government had in 2021 asked the apex court to transfer cases challenging the IT Rules from various High Courts to the Supreme Court for an authoritative pronouncement.

Artefacts under threat at Puri: ASI

STAFF REPORTER
BHUBANESWAR

In a damning observation, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has informed the Orissa High Court that there is every possibility of the ongoing excavation near the 12th century Jagannath Temple in Puri causing destruction of archaeological remains at the heritage site.

The Orissa HC had directed the ASI to submit a report while hearing a PIL plea on construction activities within the prohibited area of the temple as part of the ₹800-crore Shree Mandir Parikrama Project. The State government had come under criticism for not taking the ASI's permission for the work.

Andaman to get gas-based power plant

Environment Ministry has approved an exemption to laws governing regulation of coastal zones

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

The Union Environment Ministry has approved an exemption to the laws governing the regulation of coastal zones and has paved the way for gas-powered plants to be set up on the Andaman and Nicobar islands.

The Island Coastal Zone Regulation (ICRZ), 2019, limits infrastructure development on vulnerable coastal stretches.

Enabling provision

In the aftermath of a proposal from the Andaman and Nicobar Coastal Zone Management Authority (ANCZMA), an expert body of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, called the National Coastal Zone Management Authority (NCZMA), recommended in August 2021 that it was necessary to provide an "enabling provision in the ICRZ notification" to meet the energy requirement of the islanders while reducing the dependence on highly polluting energy sources such as conventional diesel generator (DG) sets.

The NCZMA has recommended that gas-based power plants be permitted within the Island Coastal Regulation Zone area only on islands with geographical areas greater than 100 sq. km.

Andaman administration has sought dual-fuel power plants. • AFP

The Central government, following this, invited comments from the public on modifications to to the ICZR, and on May 5, issued a notification accepting the National Coastal Zone Management Authority recommendation.

The Andaman and Nicobar administration is expected to commission a 50-MW power project running on liquefied natural gas at Hope Town, Port Blair, to be developed by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).

Following visits by the NTPC personnel, a dual-fuel power plant that runs on both diesel and LNG is expected to be commissioned.

Back-up clause

Diesel is necessary, the Andaman administration authorities argued, as a back-up fuel when the region faced inclement weather.

There has been an increased interest in the development of the Andaman region following a policy push by the NITI Aayog.

A proposed project plans to develop the Greater Andaman region or the southernmost stretch of the island group.

Proposals include a 22-sq.km airport complex, a transshipment port (TSP) at South Bay at an estimated cost of ₹12,000 crore, a parallel-to-the-coast mass rapid transport system and a free trade zone and warehousing complex on the southwestern coast.

Operation Dudhi: Assam Rifles honours surviving soldiers

A team of 15 soldiers killed 72 extremists

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

The paramilitary Assam Rifles on Monday felicitated the surviving soldiers of Operation Dudhi, marked in the country's defence history as India's most successful counter-insurgency operation more than 30 years ago.

A team of 15 soldiers of the Assam Rifles' 7th Battalion led by Naib Subedar Padam Bahadur Chhetri had on May 5, 1991, gunned down 72 Pakistan-trained extremists and captured 13 others at 14,000 ft in J&K.

The Assam Rifles honouring the heroes of Operation Dudhi in Shillong on Monday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Two Assam Rifles soldiers – riflemen Kameshwar Prasad and Ram Kumar Arya – died during the six-hour gun battle.

"Our Director-General, Lt. Gen. P.C. Nair, had met some of the heroes of Op Dudhi during a recent trip to Nepal and thought of felicitating them for their outstanding feat that is yet to be matched. They were honoured in Shillong today," a spokesperson said.

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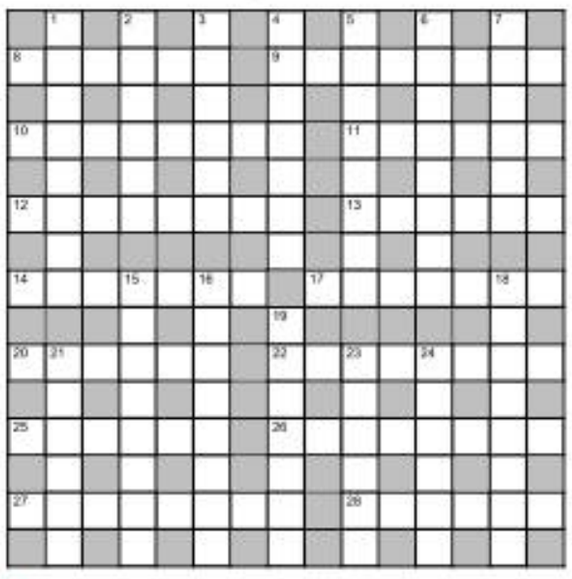

ACROSS

8 Say, hole in the back part of gun barrel (6)
9 Set apart wet substance drawn directly from faucet, for example (3,5)
10 Killer of two donkeys and one panda, essentially (8)
11 English guide carries marijuana cigarette (6)
12 Don killed Eastern saints near Massachusetts to get official record (3,5)
13 Struggle to understand secondary school laboratory experiments, for starters (6)
14 Upset Alexander angered to some extent (7)
17 Person serving coffee is a brat, possibly (7)
20 After initiation of operation, Italian young woman rotated apparatus used in drilling (3,3)
22 State detains a worthless person – it's no time to work, maybe (8)
25 Ducks having a new cluster of genes (6)
26 Talk tediously about early signs of regeneration in money plant (8)
27 American soldier introduces high tariff for decorations on the wall (8)
28 Rock salt ultimately given to aquatic animal (6)

DOWN

1 Can somehow reverse page? (8)
2 Interest and fine irritated able husband earlier (6)
3 Some maniac has eradicated pursuer (6)
4 David Cameron, say, reformed European nation (7)
5 Excited to repeat light dramatic work (8)
6 Ask/write about a sporting equipment (5,3)
7 Breakfast food and periodical for audience (6)
15 Plane model found under river in Africa, mysteriously (8)
16 Great presentation by old clown (8)
18 Schools wanting international umpire after retirement to bring a change (8)
19 A doubter avoids source of contamination in the beginning to be medically clean (7)
21 Bring in Dreamer's wine (6)
23 A number of dehydrated students originally pulled out (6)
24 Find a little reassurance and relief after leaving church (6)

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Solution to puzzle 13551

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Getting rid of samsara

Lord Narayana is the sole protector not only for all beings in distress but He alone removes the woes of even the celestial beings such as Brahma, Rudra, Indra and others, says Tirumazhisai Piran in a verse in the famous Nanmukan Tiruvandadi. There are many purana stories that show how He has unfailingly come to the rescue of the devas in their frequent clashes with the asuras or when they are involved in infighting. In this particular verse, Azhwar refers to the purana story about how once Rudra plucked out one of Brahma's heads. It was an act done in a fit of anger. Brahma, his father, cursed that the skull should get stuck in his hand. Rudra sought Narayana's help and eventually came out of this curse. So, Azhwar advises us who are caught in samsara and have to face the sorrows, broadly classified as Adidaiva, Adi Boudika and Adhyatmika, to seek the feet of the Lord for relief from all distress, pointed out Sri A. K. Sundarrajan in a discourse.

Azhwar compares the pitiable tale of every jivatma during the endless travel through the cycle of birth as somewhat similar to another Mahabharata story with all kinds of complications. The jivatma is exhausted by taking repeated births as he is forced to undergo the painful garbha vasa experience. All this is owing to individual karma. Karma theory implies that every action has a result or consequence. Every deed of every jivatma is governed by the 'cause and effect' theory. Each one's life is thus constituted of good and bad experiences depending on one's past deeds. The only way out is by diverting our thoughts to God and meditating on His auspicious qualities with absolute faith. Out of His compassion God gives the jiva the chance to get rid of his sins and seek salvation. Human birth is thus an opportunity.

Russia is defending motherland: Putin

On Victory Day, he defends Moscow's offensive in Ukraine and blames the West for the conflict

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

President Vladimir Putin defended Russia's war in Ukraine as necessary to protect the "motherland" as Moscow flexed its military muscle on Monday at a huge parade marking the 1945 victory over Nazi Germany.

Fierce battles raged in eastern Ukraine while Mr. Putin made his Victory Day speech against a backdrop of intercontinental ballistic missiles rumbling through Red Square.

Mr. Putin made no major announcements on Russia's next steps but channelled Russian pride in its Second World War triumph to mobilise support for the Ukraine invasion.

Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelensky, whose forces are locked in battle with Russian troops in the east, used the occasion to say he would not allow Moscow to appropriate the Soviet Union's triumph in Second World War.

The conflict is mired in the history between ex-Soviet neighbours Ukraine and Russia, with Mr. Putin saying the "special military operation" in Ukraine is in part to "de-Nazify" the country.

Mr. Putin blamed the West and Ukraine for today's conflict, telling thousands of troops in Red Square that Russia faced an "absolutely unacceptable threat" and warning against the "horror of a global war".

"You are fighting for the motherland, for its future, so that no-one forgets the lessons of the Second World War," he told Russian forces, shortly after intercontinental ballistic missiles rumbled through the square.

The celebration also featured 11,000 troops and more than 130 military vehicles, although a planned military flypast was cancelled.

On the ground, the key battles are being fought in Ukraine's east, which Russia is seeking to secure having tried and failed to take the capital Kyiv and the north.

The Governor of eastern Luhansk region, Sergiy Gaiday, said on Monday there were "very serious battles" around Bilogorivka and Rubizhne, as Russia tries to take the Russian-speaking Donbas. Donbas encompasses Luhansk and the neighbouring region of Donetsk.

An AFP team saw columns of trucks filled with soldiers and heavy equipment move down the main road leading away from the city of Severodonetsk, suggesting Ukraine was giving up the defence of its last stronghold in Luhansk.

Heavy shelling

Russian forces were heavily shelling the roads, while the Ukrainians were firing back to help cover the apparent pullout.

Mr. Zelensky, who spoke an hour before Mr. Putin, had invoked the ghosts of Second World War to chide Russia. "We will not allow anyone to annex this victory. We will not allow it to be appropriated," he said.

In Kyiv, the commemoration day was largely shunned as life slowly returned to normal, weeks after fierce fighting raged in its suburbs.

Reviving war memories: People marching on Red Square in Moscow on Monday to commemorate Victory Day. • AFP

Russian envoy hit with paint

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WARSAW

Polish protesters opposed to the war in Ukraine splattered red paint at Russia's Ambassador to Poland Sergey Andreev, preventing him from paying respects at a Soviet cemetery in Warsaw on Monday to Red Army soldiers who died during Second World War.

As per latest tally, Ferdinand Marcos Jr. secured 27 million votes against Leni Robredo's 12.9 million. • REUTERS/FILE

Marcos Jr. leads in Philippines elections

He looks set to secure absolute majority

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MANILA

The son of late Philippines dictator Ferdinand Marcos on Tuesday headed for a historic landslide victory in the country's presidential election, after Filipinos brushed aside warnings about weakening of their already fragile democracy.

Nearly 40 years after his namesake father was deposed by a popular revolt and his family chased into exile, Ferdinand Marcos Jr. had garnered more than double the number of votes of his nearest rival, according to an unofficial tally of results.

With more than 84% of precincts reporting, Mr. Marcos had received over 27 million votes against liberal candidate Leni Robredo's 12.9 million.

If sustained, the tally – published by local media from Commission on Elections figures – would make Mr. Marcos the first Philippine President since his father's ouster to be elected with an absolute majority.

Historic turnaround

It would also signal an astonishing turnaround for the fortunes of the Marcos clan, who have come from being pariahs to in reach of the presidential palace in a generation.

Mr. Marcos' campaign was marked by a relentless online whitewashing of his father's brutal and corrupt regime, as well as an embrace of current authoritarian President Rodrigo Duterte, who retains widespread popular support.

Before polling day, rights activists, Catholic leaders and political analysts had warned Mr. Marcos could rule with an even heavier fist if he wins by a large margin.

Delivering a late-night address from his campaign headquarters in Manila, a tired but beaming Mr. Marcos thanked volunteers for months of "sacrifices and work". But he stopped short of claiming victory, warning that "the count is not yet done".

"Let's wait until it's very clear, until the count reaches a hundred percent then we can celebrate."

DUP refuses to join govt. in N. Ireland

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LONDON

Northern Ireland's largest unionist party, which lost last week's local elections, refused on Monday to return to a power-sharing government, saying it will not do so until its demands over post-Brexit customs arrangements are met.

Democratic Unionist Party leader Jeffrey Donaldson and other leaders met with Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary Brandon Lewis, who urged them to join forces to resurrect a paralysed Northern Irish government.

Sinn Fein leader Michelle O'Neill, who is set to become the First Minister, warned she "will not be held to ransom" by Brexit disputes.

'China patriots now firmly in charge of HK'

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HONG KONG

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam said on Monday that Chinese patriots are now firmly in charge of the city following the election of its new leader, who ran unopposed in a process controlled by Beijing.

Ms. Lam's comments came a day after a carefully vetted election committee voted overwhelmingly to approve John Lee, a hardline security chief who oversaw a crackdown on Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement after massive protests turned violent in 2019.

The protests led to the imposition by Beijing of a sweeping National Security Law and the reorganisation of the city's legislature. Political opponents were subsequently jailed, dissenting voices silenced and the organized opposition quashed.

"I want to thank the Central government again for taking resolute measures when Hong Kong faced unprecedented challenges," said Ms. Lam, who is stepping down as leader.

India urged to conduct lawful probe after Xiaomi allegations

The firm, in a court filing, claimed that staff were threatened

ANANTH KRISHNAN
HONG KONG

China's government on Monday asked India to carry out investigations "in accordance with laws", following claims of coercion from smartphone maker Xiaomi during ongoing investigations into its financial practices.

India's Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday said claims of Xiaomi India's officials that their statements were taken "under coercion" were "untrue and baseless". It noted it had recorded statements from Manu Kumar Jain, former head of Xiaomi India and current Global VP, as well as Chief Financial Officer Sameer Rao.

The ED said the last statement from them was recorded on April 26 while the order to seize the company's assets was passed three days later. "No complaint was filed by them at any point of time during recording of statements at various occasions," the agency said, adding that "it appears that allegation now made after passage of substantial time is an afterthought."

Zhao Lijian

The Karnataka High Court on Saturday stayed the April 29 order, under which ₹5,551.27 crore was seized under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, the Press Trust of India reported.

'Closely monitoring'

In its first comments on the developments, China's Foreign Ministry on Monday said it was "closely monitoring the matter."

"The Chinese government always asks Chinese companies overseas to operate in accordance with laws and regulations," spokesperson Zhao Lijian said. "In the meantime, we firmly support Chinese companies in protecting their lawful rights and interests. We hope the Indian side can provide a fair, just and non-discriminatory business environment for Chinese companies making investment and operating in the country, and conduct investigation and law enforcement in accordance with laws and regulations so as to beef up the international community's confidence in investment."

Xiaomi India, in a court filing, claimed that its officials were threatened with consequences if they did not submit compliant statements, allegations that the ED has rejected.

The company's operations in India have been under investigation over remittance payments which authorities said were illegal. Xiaomi, however, has maintained the payments were royalties. A hearing in the case is set for later this week.

Ex-official of Rwanda on genocide trial

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

A former senior Rwandan official accused of complicity in the African nation's genocide in 1994 went on trial in Paris on Monday. Laurent Bucyibaruta is the most high-ranking figure yet to face justice in France over the massacres. His case is the fourth to come to court in France.

An estimated 8,00,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus perished in 100 days in 1994 at the hands of Hutus militiamen.

Musk's cryptic tweet sparks online furore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW YORK

World's richest person Elon Musk kicked off a storm on social media on Monday with a speculative tweet over the possibility of his death under "mysterious circumstances".

Mr. Musk, 50, who recently bought Twitter and is the CEO of car major Tesla and American aerospace company SpaceX, said in a tweet: "If I die under mysterious circumstances, it's been nice knowin ya".

When his mother Maye Musk responded to the post, saying "it's not funny!", he apologised.

"Sorry! I will do my best to stay alive," he replied to his mother, without specifying further on his tweet.

Pakistan PM warns of action against Imran

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has accused his predecessor Imran Khan of planning to trigger a civil war in the country and warned of legal action for concocting a narrative against the country's national institutions.

His remarks came on the heels of Pakistan Army warning its critics to avoid throwing dirt on the premier institution as it took "strong exception" to "intensified and deliberate attempts" to drag it into politics after the removal of Mr. Khan-led government last month.

Mr. Khan had told his audience that Siraj ud-Daula was the Governor of Bengal appointed by the Mughal Emperor and his commander-in-chief, Mir Jaffar, joined hands with the English to topple Daula's government. In the same vein, the former premier alleged his government was toppled by "the Mir Jafars and Mir Sadiqs of today".

Iran confirms Qatar Emir's Tehran visit

REUTERS
DUBAI

Qatar's Emir will visit Iran soon, Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Saeed Khatibzadeh confirmed on Monday during a news conference.

"The visit of the Emir of Qatar to Tehran is on the agenda and includes bilateral, regional and international issues," Mr. Khatibzadeh said.

Citing a source, Reuters reported on Sunday that Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani will visit Iran before travelling to Germany, Britain and other European states to discuss efforts to revive Iran's 2015 nuclear deal.

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The following tender proposals may be accessed for appropriate responses

Sl.	Tendering Authority& Bid Submission Portal & EMD	Subject of Request for Proposal (RfP), date of issue, Bid Due Date (BDD) and time
1	General Manager, M-TIPB (https://www.bharat-electronictender.com) EMD is Rs. 5,00,000/- each (Payable except in cases where the lead bidder is an MSME with a valid UDYAM Certificate)	RFP for Selection of Consultant to Support M-TIPB in Creating Enabling Ecosystems for the growth of MSMEs in Tamil Nadu Date of Issue: 10.05.2022 Bid Due Date & Time: 24.05.2022 at 10 AM

All subsequent communications will be available at the site mentioned above. The RfP notifications will also be available at www.tenders.tn.gov.in. RfPs can be downloaded till BDD and will be opened on the portal https://www.bharat-electronictender.com on the respective BDD. The processes are meant to be end-to-end electronic and all submissions except presentation for the RFPs will be entirely online to the maximum extent possible. The responses could be used for empanelling firms and experts for similar projects in M-TIPB, at the sole discretion of the Tender Accepting Authority.

DIPR/2194/Tender/2022 **General Manager, M-TIPB**

TAMIL NADU LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AGENCY,
4th Floor, Integrated Office Complex for Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Department, 571, Anna Salai, Saidapet Veterinary Polyclinic Campus, Nandanam P.O., Chennai - 35, e-mail: tnlda2016@gmail.com

TENDER NOTICE
Sealed tenders are invited for the following items under "Two Cover System"

Tender No.	Name of the Unit
TNLDA/2022/05	Establishing Small Ruminant Slaughter Line at AIRL/VAS, Salem.
TNLDA/2022/06	Establishing Chicken Slaughter Line at AIRL/VAS, Salem.
TNLDA/2022/07	Establishing Pig Slaughter Line at AIRL/VAS, Salem.
TNLDA/2022/08	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Meat Processing Equipment for Chicken / Mutton / Chevon products at AIRL/VAS, Salem.
TNLDA/2022/09	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of equipment and other items for Common Utility Facility of Meat Processing Complex at AIRL/VAS, Salem.
TNLDA/2022/10	Establishing Automatic Feeding and Watering System for native chicken at AIRL/VAS, Salem.

Pre-Bid meeting on 18.05.2022 – 11.30 AM
Individual tender documents with full details can be downloaded free of cost from www.tenders.tn.gov.in upto **09.06.2022, 5.00 PM.** Last date for submission of tenders: **10.06.2022, 11.00 AM** Corrigendum / Addendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on the above website
DIPR/2156/Tender/2022 **Chief Executive Officer**

Government of Tamil Nadu
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
TAMIL NADU E-GOVERNANCE AGENCY (TNeGA)

E - TENDER NOTICE

Online tenders are invited by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA), towards **Selection of Implementation Partner to Design, Develop and Implement Tamil Nadu Integrated Services Platform (TNISP) "e-Sevai 2.0"**

The tender document (RFP) can be downloaded at free of cost from https://tntenders.gov.in/, https://tnega.tn.gov.in/ from **10.05.2022, 13:00 hrs.** Pre-bid meeting is scheduled online on **17.05.2022 at 11:30 hrs. throughvideo conference (VC)** by TNeGA and the link for the VC can be referred in the RFP.

EMD for an amount of Rs.8,00,000/- has to be paid through online mode. Last date and time for online submission of bids through https://tntenders.gov.in/ (e-Tender) is **10.06.2022 till 16:00 hrs.** Technical Bid shall be opened online on **10.06.2022 at 16:30 hrs.** Bidders are advised to participate in the pre-bid meeting scheduled by TNeGA.

DIPR /2192/ Tender / 2022
Sd/- K.Vijayendra Pandian IAS,
Chief Executive Officer
Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency

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MARKET WATCH

	09-05-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	54,471	-0.67
US Dollar	77.44	-0.70
Gold	51,227	0.37
Brent oil	106.41	–

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	792.60	-18.80
Apollo Hosp	3766.35	-61.00
Asian Paints	3005.25	-11.00
Axis Bank	663.70	-9.70
Bajaj Auto	3568.75	69.00
Bajaj Finserv	13783.85	143.35
Bajaj Finance	6036.95	36.65
Bharti Airtel	711.50	1.25
BPCL	353.40	-3.90
Britannia Ind	3252.05	-55.75
Cipla	938.30	3.55
Coal India	183.05	-4.35
Divis Lab	4231.10	65.25
Dr Reddys Lab	3805.80	-24.85
Eicher Motors	2344.30	-18.15
Grasim Ind	1551.75	-13.85
HCL Tech	1076.10	25.90
HDFC	2168.30	17.65
HDFC Bank	1319.85	2.25
HDFC Life	563.85	-2.10
Hero MotoCorp	2492.75	-70.60
Hindalco	444.10	0.35
Hind Unilever	2316.65	-32.55
ICICI Bank	710.35	-8.90
Indusind Bank	889.70	-25.70
Infosys	1570.35	27.50
ITC	262.95	-3.70
JSW Steel	678.35	-12.05
Kotak Bank	1767.50	-7.80
L&T	1616.15	-6.30
M&M	895.30	1.45
Maruti Suzuki	7360.30	81.05
Nestle India Ltd.	16504.35	-491.10
NTPC	159.00	0.00
ONGC	164.75	-2.20
PowerGrid Corp	245.15	6.75
Reliance Ind	2518.30	-102.35
SBI Life	1064.45	5.30
State Bank	475.90	-8.05
Shree Cement	24058.30	84.65
Sun Pharma	885.40	2.10
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	758.25	-6.70
Tata Motors	403.95	-4.60
Tata Steel	1252.25	-31.45
TCS	3445.10	12.50
Tech Mahindra	1261.15	-29.60
Titan	2183.20	-25.55
UltraTech Cement	6224.60	24.40
UPL	777.60	-9.25
Wipro	483.15	-1.95

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on May 09

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	77.27	77.59
Euro	81.45	81.79
British Pound	95.39	95.79
Japanese Yen (100)	58.94	59.19
Chinese Yuan	11.48	11.53
Swiss Franc	77.88	78.20
Singapore Dollar	55.48	55.72
Canadian Dollar	59.71	59.96
Malaysian Ringitt	17.61	17.70
Australian Dollar	54.01	54.24

Source: Indian Bank

Govt. said to urge Reserve Bank to help push bond yields lower

'Buying back government bonds or open-market operations are options'

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

The government has asked the central bank to either buy back government bonds or conduct open market operations to cool yields that have hit their highest since 2019, as inflation risks push foreign investors to sell, a government source told Reuters on Monday.

The 10-year benchmark bond ended at 7.46%, after earlier reaching a high of 7.49%. "The discussion with the RBI (Reserve Bank of India) is at an advanced stage as current yields are not at comfortable levels," the government official, with direct knowledge of the matter, said on condition of anonymity. The official said government expects the RBI to conduct a switch operation, offering investors a chance to exchange their short-dated bonds for debt with a longer maturity, or to buy back government bonds within the next two weeks.

A fork in the road: The Centre's nudge could complicate RBI's attempts to withdraw liquidity from the market. • REUTERS

The request from the government could complicate the RBI's policy of withdrawing liquidity from the market, which marks a shift away from the ultra-loose monetary stance it took during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The RBI surprised markets last week by raising its key interest rate by 40 basis points to 4.40% to fight inflation – its first increase in nearly four years.

Foreign portfolio investors have sold $697 million of government securities since April 1 and $1.18 billion this year, traders said.

India's forex reserves fell $2.7 billion to $597.73 billion on April 29, RBI data showed, marking the eighth straight week of declines and the first time falling below $600 billion in a year.

LIC IPO subscribed 2.95 times

Issue subscribed to largely by domestic investors: DIPAM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI / NEW DELHI

The Initial Public Offering (IPO) of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) was subscribed 2.95 times as bids closed on the final day of the offer, according to data from stock exchanges.

The portion reserved for eligible policyholders was subscribed 6.12 times and that for eligible employees was subscribed 4.4 times, while the retail category witnessed 1.99 times subscription; the non-institutional category was subscribed 2.91 times and qualified institutional buyers subscribed 2.83 times.

The offer received bids for 47,83,67,010 shares against the offer size of 16,20,78,067 equity shares, excluding shares meant for anchor investors, as per data available at 7 pm on the stock exchanges showed.

The offer is expected to yield about ₹20,500 crore to the exchequer, top Finance Ministry officials said.

"The offer... has met with a tremendous success with a good response from all categories of investors, including policyholders and retail investors," Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Secretary, Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) said at a press conference. The government is offloading 3.5% of its stake in the firm, whose shares are to be listed on the stock exchanges on May 17.

Asserting that the issue was largely subscribed to by domestic investors, the Mr. Pandey aid it could be considered an example of 'Atma-Nirbhar Bharat' that such a large issue has been organised smoothly with investors across the country showing the capacity to deliver "rather than depend on foreign... investors". Though the issue size was pegged at ₹21,000 crore, the government expects to raise ₹20,500 crore from the IPO because of the discounts offered to retail investors and policyholders.

'No area of business reserved for public firms'

FM flags opportunity for private sector

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
COIMBATORE

The private sector can now invest in any sector where there is opportunity, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Monday. This follows her 2021 Budget announcement that there would be no area reserved only for the public sector.

Nirmala Sitharaman

Presenting the "Startup Dhruv Awards" at a function organised by the StartUps Academy, she said the public sector would be present in strategically important and national security-related areas. But, the private sector could be present here too, she pointed out.

To unleash the natural capabilities and strengths in the country, it was felt that a policy change was needed, paving the way for the 2021 Union Budget decision to open up all sectors for private sector participation.

Anticipating that only large-scale operations might happen with this too, and since MSMEs were the "real big strength" of the country and the backbone of the economy, MSMEs are supported, Ms. Sitharaman pointed out.

Goyal to hold meet on high cotton prices

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
COIMBATORE

Union Minister for Commerce and Industry and Textiles Piyush Goyal will hold a meeting with stakeholders of the cotton textiles value chain on Wednesday in New Delhi.

According to Textiles Secretary Upendra Prasad Singh, Mr. Goyal has planned to hold a meeting with all stakeholders of the sector to discuss the issue of high cotton and yarn prices, the steps that can be taken, etc. "Any decision can be taken only after the meeting," he said.

Some textile clusters in Tamil Nadu, including Tiruppur, plan to go on two-day strike on May 16 and 17 demanding steps to control cotton and yarn prices.

NTPC invites bids to import 4.53 million tonnes of coal

Mandate is to buy 20 MT imported dry fuel amid shortage

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

State-owned power giant NTPC has invited bids to procure 4.53 million tonnes (MT) of imported coal, mainly for blending with the domestic dry fuel in thermal plants.

The tender assumes significance in view of the ongoing dry fuel shortage at power plants. Earlier this month, the Power Ministry had directed all the States and gencos to import at least 10% of their requirement of coal for blending amid shortages at thermal plants.

The tender documents showed that NTPC has floated three separate tenders for procuring 4.53 MT – 1.5 MT, 1.6MT and 1.43 MT – of imported coal on May 7, 2022.

The company had invited bids to procure 4.93 MT of imported coal last month.

It has been mandated to procure 20 MT of imported coal in 2022-23 for blending with the domestic dry fuel at its thermal plants because of the ongoing shortage.

The NTPC has invited bids for procurement of 1.43 MT of imported coal on FOR (Freight On-Road) power station basis for NTPC plants at Vindhyachal, Rihand, Singrauli, Khargone, Dadri, Tanda and Unchahar.

Bids were also invited for the procurement of 1.6 MT of imported coal on a power station basis for NTPC plants at Talcher Kaniha, Farakka, Kahalgaon, Barh, Barauni, Bongaigaon, Simhadri and Ramagundam.

Bids were invited for the procurement of 1.5 MT of imported coal to supply the dry fuel at thermal plants located at the Kudgi, Solapur, Sipat, Mouda, Gadarwara, Lara and Korba power plants.

Smartphone market to stay subdued: IDC

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

The Indian smartphone market, which declined by 5% in the January-March 2022 period, is likely to remain subdued for the rest of the year due to lower demand amid rising inflation and lengthening of the smartphone refresh cycles, according to IDC.

India's smartphone shipments declined for the third consecutive quarter, shipping 37 million units in the first quarter of 2022, a 5% year-on-year decline, as per data released by the research firm.

Xiaomi continued to lead the market with 32% share including sub-brand POCO, followed by brands such as Samsung, Realme, Vivo and Oppo.

IN BRIEF

Up to DoT to take a call on 27.5-28.5 GHz: TRAI

NEW DELHI

TRAI on Monday said it was for the telecom department to decide if the frequency range of 27.5-28.5 GHz was to be allocated or auctioned for IMT/5G services. The regulator stood its ground on various auction-related issues on which it had recently given recommendations. PTI

Škoda unveils Kushaq Monte Carlo range

MUMBAI

Škoda Auto India has introduced the Kushaq Monte Carlo range at a starting price of ₹15.99 lakh, ex-showroom. The top end of the Kushaq Monte Carlo is priced at ₹19.49 lakh (ex-showroom) for a 1.5 TSI 7-speed DSG engine. This edition of the Kushaq would be available exclusively in Tornado Red and Candy White, Škoda said. The Kushaq is its second product in India to adorn the exclusive Monte Carlo badge after the Rapid.

Eicher unveils Prima G3 premium tractors

CHENNAI

TAFE's Eicher Tractors on Monday announced the unveiling of the Eicher Prima G3 Series – a premium range of tractors targeted at the new-age farmer, in the 40-60 hp range. The tractors come with a high torque fuel saver (HT-FS) liquid cooled engine, that provides for higher productivity and fuel saving. The new multi-speed power take off provides four different modes, making it compatible with multiple agricultural and commercial applications, TAFE said.

HCL arm to acquire Quest Informatics for ₹15 crore

NEW DELHI

HCL Technologies on Monday said it would acquire Bengaluru-based Quest Informatics Private Limited (Quest), an aftermarket, digital transformation company, in an all-cash deal. In an communique to the stock exchange, the company said Sankalp Semiconductors, a wholly owned step-down subsidiary of HCL, was acquiring 100% stake in Quest Informatics Private Ltd. for a purchase consideration of ₹15 crore.

Birla Tyres faces IBC proceedings

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has ordered the initiation of insolvency proceedings against Birla Tyres Ltd. in a case filed by multi-business chemicals firm SRF Ltd., an operational creditor of the BK Birla Group firm.

A two-member Kolkata bench of the NCLT has also appointed Seikh Abdul Salam as Interim Resolution Professional (IRP) to run the operations of the company after suspending the board and also declared a moratorium as per the procedures of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board (IBC).

SRF had claimed a default in payment of ₹15.84 crore, including principal of ₹10.06 crore and interest of ₹5.78 crore, for the supply of tyre cord fabric.

SEBI gives approval for TVS Supply Chain IPO

Proceeds to be used for repaying debt

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

TVS Supply Chain Solutions Ltd. (TVS SCS) has received the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approval for its proposed initial public offering (IPO).

The company had filed papers with SEBI on February 11 for an IPO comprising fresh issue of ₹2,000 crore and an offer for sale of up to 595 lakh equity shares.

Prepay debt

The company will use a large part of the net proceeds from the IPO to repay or prepay outstanding borrowings, it said in its draft red herring prospectus.

JM Financial Ltd., Axis Capital Ltd., JP Morgan India Pvt. Ltd., BNP Paribas, Edelweiss Financial Services Ltd. and Equirus Capital Pvt. Ltd., are the bankers to the issue.

TVS SCS is present in more than 25 countries and services more than 55 Fortune 500 companies

TVS SCS is an integrated supply chain and logistics solutions provider to Indian industry and also operates globally. It is currently present in more than 25 countries and services more than 55 Fortune 500 companies.

It was originally promoted by the TVS Group and is now part of the TVS Mobility Group.

The mobility group of TVS has four business verticals viz. supply chain solutions, manufacturing, auto distribution and after-market sales and service.

'Hilton India to double presence in five years'

'Industry rebounding: Ahluwalia

MINI TEJASWI
BENGALURU

Hilton Worldwide, a global hospitality chain headquartered in Virginia, has plans to double its presence in the country in the next five years, said Navjit Ahluwalia, senior vice-president and country head, Hilton India.

"We are planning to double our presence in India in the next five years," he said. "We have 14 hotels currently under development in the country with some 10 builders and the pipeline keeps growing," Mr. Ahluwalia told *The Hindu*.

Navjit Ahluwalia

These hotels, planned under multi-brands would come up in Varanasi, Jabalpur, Mumbai, and in other parts of the country, and would be operational in the next three years, he said.

He said the hospitality industry in India was expected to rebound and reach pre-COVID-era numbers between the October 2022 and March 2023 time frame.

"Domestic leisure-travel segment has also been picking up significantly, a trend we are seeing in China as well. We are expecting an overall recovery in the third quarter of calendar 2022."

IOB, BoM, KVB, Canara raise lending rates

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has revised the external benchmark linked lending rate to 7.25% from May 10, the bank said on Monday.

"Our bank has revised the Repo Linked Lending Rate (RLLR) to 7.25% (ie 4.40% +2.85%) with effect from May 10, 2022," it said in a regulatory filing.

Earlier in the day, HDFC Bank, Canara Bank, Bank of Maharashtra and Karur Vysya Bank also said they had revised lending rates based on the marginal cost of funds (MCLR) and the repo rate. With the RBI's decision to raise the policy rate by 40 basis points to 4.4% last week, several banks have revised lending rates based on the repo and marginal cost of funds.

Bumrah special not enough as Knight Riders beat Mumbai Indians

The pacer's maiden five-for in the IPL derails the Kolkata innings after Venkatesh and Rana's brisk knocks; Russell and Cummins shine with the ball for Shreyas' men

IPL 2022

ABHISHEK MUKHERJEE
NAVI MUMBAI

Jasprit Bumrah's fiery spell went in vain as Kolkata Knight Riders put up a disciplined effort with the ball to successfully defend 165 and register a 52-run win at the D.Y. Patil Stadium here on Monday. Pat Cummins (three for 22), Andre Russell (two for 22) and Tim Southee (one for 10) bowled probing spells and reaped rewards to keep Shreyas Iyer's men in the hunt for the playoffs.

After being stunned by Bumrah during the business-end of their innings, Knight Riders came back strongly to chip away at the opposition.

Rohit Sharma fell in the first over, caught behind off Southee. Tilak Varma and Ramandeep Singh perished while trying ambitious shots off Andre Russell; Tim David, after a fiesty start with boundaries off the first three balls he faced, top-edged when attempting to smash Varun Chakravarthy out of the park.

Ishan Kishan (51, 43b, 5x4, 1x6), however, was in full flow at the other end. Playing the ball on its merit, he found the odd boundary through sweetly-timed drives in the 'V'. When he, too, couldn't resist the fatal pull shot, Knight Riders were well and truly on top. Cummins took two more in the same over, both off short deliveries. Poor running by the Mumbai Indians lower-order hastened the end.

That Mumbai Indians had a fighting chance at the halfway stage was mainly due to an excellent bowling performance from Bumrah. Unsettling the batters with yorkers and short deliveries, Bumrah claimed his maiden five-wicket haul (five for 10) in the IPL as Knight Riders lost their way after a bright start. The last six wickets fell for 28 runs. Venkatesh Iyer (43, 24b, 3x4, 4x6), returning to the side after sitting out the last two games, helped the team post its highest total in the PowerPlay this season – 64 – before Nitish Rana (43, 26b, 3x4, 4x6) took the baton from him and kept the boundaries coming.

Bumrah changed the complexion of the game in the 15th over, softening up Russell with a sharp yorker before testing him with a short delivery. Russell went for the pull but holed out to the fielder at long-on.

Rana fell in the same over, undecided whether to duck or fend a short ball and gloving the ball to the wicketkeeper. In Bumrah's next over, Sheldon Jackson, Cummins and Sunil Narine all perished to quick deliveries. Mumbai Indians got a taste of its own medicine when it batted.

Soaring efforts: Bumrah breathed fire while Venkatesh was back with a bang for Knight Riders. •SPORTZPICS/IPL

SCOREBOARD

KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS
Venkatesh Iyer c Sams b Kartikeya 43 *(24b, 3x4, 4x6)*, Ajinkya Rahane b Kartikeya 25 *(24b, 3x4)*, Nitish Rana c Kishan b Bumrah 43 *(26b, 3x4, 4x6)*, Shreyas Iyer c Kishan b M. Ashwin 6 *(8b, 1x4)*, Andre Russell c Pollard b Bumrah 9 *(5b, 1x6)*, Rinku Singh (not out) 23 *(19b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Sheldon Jackson c Sams b Bumrah 5 *(7b)*, Pat Cummins c Tilak b Bumrah 0 *(2b)*, Sunil Narine c & b Bumrah 0 *(1b)*, Tim Southee c Pollard b Sams 0 *(4b)*, Varun Chakravarthy (not out) 0 *(0b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-10): 11; Total (for nine wkts. in 20 overs): 165.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-60 (Venkatesh, 5.4 overs), 2-87 (Rahane, 10.2), 3-123 (Shreyas, 13.1), 4-136 (Russell, 14.2), 5-139 (Nitish, 14.5), 6-156 (Sheldon, 17.1), 7-156 (Cummins, 17.3), 8-156 (Narine, 17.4), 9-164 (Southee, 18.6).

MUMBAI INDIANS BOWLING
Sams 4-0-26-1, M. Ashwin 4-0-35-1, Bumrah 4-1-10-5, Meredith 3-0-35-0, Kartikeya 3-0-32-2, Pollard 2-0-26-0.

MUMBAI INDIANS
Rohit Sharma c Sheldon b Southee 2 *(6b)*, Ishan Kishan c Rinku b Cummins 51 *(43b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Tilak Varma c Rana b Russell 6 *(5b, 1x4)*, Ramandeep Singh c Rana b Russell 12 *(16b)*, Tim David c Rahane b Varun 13 *(9b, 3x4)*, Kieron Pollard run out 15 *(16b, 1x6)*, Daniel Sams c Sheldon b Cummins 1 *(2b)*, M. Ashwin c Varun b Cummins 0 *(2b)*, Kumar Kartikeya run out 3 *(5b)*, Jasprit Bumrah run out 0 *(0b)*, Riley Meredith (not out) 0 *(1b)*; Extras (b-1, lb-7, w-2): 10; Total (in 17.3 overs): 113.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-2 (Rohit, 0.6), 2-32 (Tilak 4.6), 3-69 (Ramandeep, 10.3), 4-83 (David, 12.2), 5-100 (Kishan, 14.1), 6-102 (Sams, 14.4), 7-102 (M. Ashwin, 14.6), 8-112 (Kartikeya, 16.6), 9-113 (Pollard, 17.2).

KNIGHT RIDERS BOWLING
Southee 3-0-10-1, Cummins 4-0-22-3, Russell 2.3-0-22-2, Narine 4-0-21-0, Varun 3-0-22-1, Venkatesh 1-0-8-0.

Toss: MI.
MoM: Bumrah.
KKR won by 52 runs.

Innings scan

KKR		MI
58	Dots	46
12	Fours	9
10	Sixes	2
64/1	PP	37/2
8.25	RR	6.45

Next assignment
MI: May 12 vs. **CSK**
Wankhede, 7.30 p.m
KKR: May 14 vs. **SRH**
MCA Stadium, 7.30 p.m.

POINTS TABLE

Teams	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
Lucknow Super Giants	11	8	3	16	0.703
Gujarat Titans	11	8	3	16	0.120
Rajasthan Royals	11	7	4	14	0.326
Royal Challengers Bangalore	12	7	5	14	-0.115
Delhi Capitals	11	5	6	10	0.150
Sunrisers Hyderabad	11	5	6	10	-0.031
Kolkata Knight Riders	12	5	7	10	-0.057
Punjab Kings	11	5	6	10	-0.231
Chennai Super Kings	11	4	7	8	0.028
Mumbai Indians (E)	11	2	9	4	-0.894

After the MI-KKR match on May 9 *E: Eliminated*

Best bowling in the IPL

3.4-1-12-6	Alzarri Joseph (MI)	vs SRH	Hyderabad	2019
4-0-14-6	Sohail Tanvir (RR)	vs CSK	Jaipur	2008
4-0-19-6	Adam Zampa (RPS)	vs SRH	Visakhapatnam	2016
3.1-1-5-5	Anil Kumble (RCB)	vs RR	Cape Town	2009
4-1-10-5	Jasprit Bumrah (MI)	vs KKR	Mumbai (DY Patil)	2022

Injured Suryakumar ruled out of IPL-15

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MUMBAI

Mumbai Indians batsman Suryakumar Yadav has been ruled out of the Indian Premier League with an arm injury, organisers said on Monday.

The 31-year-old, one of the leading run-scorers for the Mumbai side which has been knocked out of the playoffs race, suffered the blow in his team's victory over Gujarat Titans on Friday.

"Mumbai Indians batter Suryakumar Yadav has been ruled out of the TATA IPL 2022 owing to a left forearm muscle injury," the league said in a statement.

The top-order batsman, who was one of four players including skipper Rohit Sharma to be retained by the franchise ahead of this year's auction, has scored 303 runs including three half-centuries in eight matches.

Newbies in fight for top spot

Super Giants and Titans have come a long way

AMOL KARHADKAR
PUNE

When Gujarat Titans faced Lucknow Super Giants in the clash of IPL debutants at the Wankhede Stadium, not too many would have predicted what lay ahead for them.

Six weeks hence, the newbies square off yet again in a battle for the top spot.

Even though the winner of Tuesday's match at the Maharashtra Cricket Association stadium will formally give IPL 2022 its first team in the Playoffs, both teams are as good as in. The race now is to decide the table-topper.

Desperate
Hardik Pandya's Titans – having lost their last two games – will be desperate to get back into winning mode. K.L. Rahul's Super Giants, on the other hand, will be hoping to extend their four-match winning streak.

While Rahul will be gunning to close in on Jos Buttler's Orange Cap, Lucknow's pace quartet will be eager to repeat its heroics at the same venue against Kolkata Knight Riders over the weekend.

Banking on Gill
The Titans, though, will be banking on Shubman Gill to withstand the onslaught of Mohsin Khan & Co. and the left-handed duo of David Miller and Rahul Tewatia to come to the party later on in the innings.

Excitement in store: Rahul's men will be gunning for revenge against Hardik's side. •SPORTZPICS/IPL

TODAY'S MATCH
LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS vs. TITANS
MCA STADIUM, 7.30 P.M.
HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: 1
LSG 0 | GT 1
PREVIOUS MEETING
GT won by five wickets, 2022
STAR SPORTS 1 (SD & HD)

Karthik growing in stature as the 'Finisher' for RCB

P.K. AJITH KUMAR
MUMBAI

Dinesh Karthik has been very much the Finisher for Royal Challengers Bangalore at this IPL.

That is a role he has been wanting to do for Team India too. A role he has been playing to great effect for the teams he plays for.

A few months before the coronavirus pandemic broke out, one recalls watching Karthik take apart the bowlers at the Vijay Hazare Trophy one-day tournament at Jaipur.

Leading the Tamil Nadu side, he chose to bat lower down the order and came up with 97 off 62 balls (against Bengal) and 65 not out off 28 balls (against Madhya Pradesh). "I want to do what M.S. Dhoni has been doing for India for many years," he had said then.

He still has that fire in him to play for the country. "I have been trying everything to be part of the Indian team," he had said last month after picking up the Player-of-the-Match award for his 34-ball 66 not out against Delhi Capitals at the Wankhede Stadium here.

On his return to the famed venue on Sunday, he got just eight balls to face against Sunrisers Hyderabad. He still hammered 30 not out.

That took his aggregate for the season so far to 274 runs off 137 balls, at a strike rate of 200 and an average of 68.50. He has made those runs with dazzling footwork and sublime timing.

You may not find too many better finishers in the game at the moment. Little wonder former England captain Michael Vaughan tweeted, "DK has to be in the Indian T20 World Cup team."

The big dream: It is a role Karthik has been wanting to do for Team India too. •SPORTZPICS/IPL

Lovlina passes the Chen test

The Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist registers a 3-2 win

BOXING WORLDS

SPORTS BUREAU

In a repeat of her Tokyo Olympics quarterfinal bout against former World champion Nien-Chin Chen of Chinese Taipei, a confident Lovlina Borgohain recorded a narrow 3-2 win in a 70kg first round contest on the opening day of the World women's boxing championships in Istanbul on Monday.

The Olympics bronze medallist from India executed her tactics well to emerge the winner in a tough bout featuring two 24-year-olds.

The taller Lovlina used her long reach well and moved in and out to land some solid punches on Chen and take the first round by a split verdict.

As the Taipei boxer stepped up the attack in the second round, Lovlina responded by maintaining the tempo of her game. The Indian kept herself out of Chen's reach, battling from a safe distance and taking the upper hand in the third round.

In her first outing after the Tokyo Olympics in July last year, Lovlina – a two-time Worlds bronze medallist – met an opponent against whom she had a 1-2 head-to-head record.

Lovlina had finished with bronze medals in the 69kg weight class after losing to Chen – a World champion in 2018 and a bronze medallist in 2016 – in the semifinals of the 2018 World championships in Delhi and the 2019 Strandja Memorial event in Sofia, Bulgaria.

At the Tokyo Olympics, Lovlina beat the Taipei boxer in the quarterfinals before finishing with a bronze for reaching the semifinals. She became the second Indian woman boxer after Mary Kom, and the third overall from the country, to secure a medal at the Games.

Lovlina will meet Cindy Ngamba of Fair Chance Team (FCT) in the round-of-16 on Friday. FCT consists of sportspersons who were forced to leave their countries, often due to conflict.

Having the last laugh: Lovlina edged out Chen in a battle of the 24-year-olds. •TWITTER@BFI_OFFICIAL

Veteran Wawrinka rekindles fire with rare win in Rome

Beats Opelka to register his first victory in over a year

ITALIAN OPEN

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
ROME

Swiss veteran Stan Wawrinka insisted he still has the "fire" in him after registering his first victory in over a year with a 3-6, 7-5, 6-2 win over American Reilly Opelka in the first round of the Italian Open on Monday.

The 37-year-old, who has tumbled from his best ranking of No. 3 in the world to 361st, last tasted success in the opening round of the 2021 Australian Open when he beat Marton Fucsovics in five sets.

Rough start
This year, he had previously lost in the opening rounds in the only two tournaments he had entered – Marbella and Monte Carlo – after struggling with a foot injury that has dogged him since 2019.

"After two surgeries, at my age I could easily stop playing... but I still have this fire in me," said Wawrinka. "I still believe that I can play great tennis. I still believe that I make some big results, maybe not now, but in a few months."

The crowd cheered warmly as the three-time Grand Slam winner completed victory over the World No. 17 Opelka, a semifinalist here last year, in just over two hours.

"It feels great because I was away from tennis for so much time," he said. "I did a lot of hard work to come back, so it feels great to finally win a match."

Important results (first round):
Men: Wawrinka bt Opelka 3-6, 7-5, 6-2; Shapovalov bt Sonego 7-6(5), 3-6, 6-3.
Women: Azarenka bt Golubic 6-3, 6-0; Halep bt Cornet 6-4, 6-4; Gauff bt Kerber 6-1, 6-4.

Not yet time: Wawrinka believes he still 'can play great tennis', even after two surgeries. •AFP

> I did a lot of hard work to come back, so it feels great to finally win a match

Alcaraz rises to sixth in the world rankings

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

Spanish teen sensation Carlos Alcaraz rose three places to sixth in the men's ATP rankings following his victory in the Madrid Open on Sunday.

Novak Djokovic retains his No. 1 ranking – No. 2 Daniil Medvedev is due to return to action at next week's Geneva Open after recovering from a hernia operation – while Australian Open champion Rafael Nadal remains at four.

Meanwhile, Tunisia's Ons Jabeur matched her personal-best seventh in the WTA rankings after winning the biggest title of her career at the Madrid Open.

The 27-year-old, the first Arab or African player to break into the men's or women's top 10, beat American Jessica Pegula 7-5, 0-6, 6-2 in Saturday's final. Pegula has moved up three places to a career-high of 11th in the world.

Belarusian Aryna Sabalenka slipped four spots to eighth.

The rankings (Russia and Belarus players are banned from using name or flag of their countries until further notice):
Top 10: ATP: Djokovic (Srb) 8,260 pts; 2. Daniil Medvedev 7,990; 3. Alexander Zverev (Ger) 7,020; 4. Rafael Nadal (Esp) 6,435; 5. Stefanos Tsitsipas (Gre) 5,750; 6. Carlos Alcaraz (Esp) 4,773 (+3); 7. Andrey Rublev 4,115 (+1); 8. Matteo Berrettini (Ita) 3,895 (-2); 9. Felix Auger-Aliassime (Can) 3,760 (+1); 10. Casper Ruud (Nor) 3,760 (-3).
WTA: 1. Iga Swiatek (Pol) 7,061; 2. Barbora Krejcikova (Cze) 5,011 (+1); 3. Paula Badosa (Esp) 4,720 (-1); 4. Maria Sakkari (Gre) 4,596 (+1); 5. Anett Kontaveit (Est) 4,446 (+1); 6. Karolina Pliskova (Cze) 4,152 (+1); 7. Ons Jabeur (Tun) 3,895 (+3); 8. Aryna Sabalenka 3,721 (-4); 9. Danielle Collins (USA) 3,211 (-1); 10. Garbine Muguruza (Esp) 3,135 (-1).

Alcaraz. •GETTY IMAGES

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18, Voot Select, Vh1, MTV & Jio TV, 7.30 a.m.
Badminton: Thomas & Uber Cup, Sports 18 & Voot Select, 7.30 a.m.
IPL 2022: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 12.30 a.m. (Wednesday)
La Liga: Sports 18, MTV, Voot Select & Jio TV, 1 a.m. (Wednesday)

IN BRIEF

Dallas Mavericks pull level with Phoenix Suns

LOS ANGELES

Dallas Mavericks rained 20 three-pointers and again neutralized Phoenix point guard Chris Paul to beat the top-seeded Suns 111-101 on Sunday and knot their NBA playoff series at two games each.

The results: WC: Dallas 111 bt Phoenix 101 (Series tied 2-2); **EC:** Philadelphia 116 bt Miami 108 (Series tied 2-2). AFP

Healy and Maharaj are ICC players of the month

DUBAI

Australia women's star 'keeper-batter Alyssa Healy and South Africa spinner Keshav Maharaj were on Monday voted ICC's Player-of-the-Month for April. Healy was selected for her match-winning innings of 170 in the Women's Cricket World Cup final. Maharaj got the award for his prolific performance during the recent ICC World Test Championship series victory over Bangladesh. PTI

Big win for Md. Sporting

BENGALURU

Md. Sporting FC blanked SunRise FC 5-0 in the BDFA A-division football league, here on Monday.

The results: Md. Sporting FC 5 (Immanuel Fernando 10, Fabino Anto 18, Rahul 21, Sabeel Ahmed 44, P. Gowthama 70) bt SunRise FC 0; DYES FC 0 drew with Goans FC 0; RS Sports FC 3 (Shivakumar 4, Joseph 45, S. Ahamed 70+2) bt Bangalore Mars FC 0; Tilak Memorials FC 2 (Praveen 15, C. Shashank 17) bt Royals FC 0.

Tanui and Kimeli for TCS World 10k

BENGALURU

Kenya's Paul Tanui, the Rio 2016 Olympic Games silver medallist in 10,000m, and compatriot Nicholas Kipkorir Kimeli, who finished fourth in the 5,000m at Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, will featue at this year's TCS World 10k (May 15), the organisers announced on Monday.

Arjun ties for second spot

SPORTS BUREAU

Arjun Erigaisi (4 points) played out a 59-move draw with David Navara in the seventh and final round to finish tied-second in the TePe Sigeman round-robin chess tournament in Malmo on Monday.

In Sunday's sixth round, Arjun split the point with Michael Adams in 40 moves. USA's Hans Moke Niemann won the title with five points after drawing the final round with Dutchman Jorden van Foreest.

The results: Seventh round: David Navara (Cze) drew with Arjun Erigaisi; Michael Adams (Eng) bt Saleh Salem (UAE); Jorden van Foreest (Ned) drew with Hans Moke Niemann (USA); Nils Grandelius (Swe) drew with Alexei Shirov (Esp).

Sixth round: Arjun drew with Adams; Salem bt Foreest; Niemann drew with Grandelius; Shirov lost to Navara.

Final standings: 1. Niemann 5 points; 2-4. Arjun, Adams, Grandelius (4); 5. Navara (3.5), 6 Foreest, 7. Salem (2.5), 8. Shirov (2).

Arjun. • FILE PHOTO: DEBASISH BHADURI

Indian men qualify for knockouts

Drub Canada to ensure top-two spot in group

THOMAS & UBER

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BANGKOK

The Indian men's badminton team notched up its second successive win with a 5-0 thrashing of Canada in a Group C tie to qualify for the knockout round of the Thomas Cup here on Monday.

With its second impressive result, the Indian team, which defeated Germany 5-0 on Sunday, is certain to finish in the top two in the group.

World Championships silver medallist K. Srikanth fought back from a game down to beat Brian Yang 20-22, 21-11, 21-15 in 52 minutes to give India the lead.

The doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty then needed just 29 minutes to beat Jason Anthony Ho-Shue and Kevin Lee 21-12, 21-11 before World No. 23 H.S. Prannoy easily won his match against B.R. Sankeerth 21-15, 21-12 to make it 3-0.

The second doubles pair of Krishna Prasad Garaga and Vishnuvardhan Goud Panjala eased past Dong Adam and Nyl Yakura 21-15, 21-11 in 34 minutes.

The rout was completed when Priyanshu Rajawat beat Victor Lal 21-13, 20-22, 21-14 in the third men's singles which lasted 52 minutes.

The Indians will play their final Group C match against Chinese Taipei on Wednesday.

The results: Thomas Cup: India bt Canada 5-0 [K. Srikanth bt Brian Yang 20-22, 21-11, 21-15; Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty bt Jason Anthony Ho-Shue & Kevin Lee 21-12, 21-11.

H.S. Prannoy bt B.R. Sankeerth 21-15, 21-12; Krishna Prasad Garaga & Vishnuvardhan Goud Panjala bt Dong Adam & Nyl Yakura 21-15, 21-11; Priyanshu Rajawat bt Victor Lal 21-13, 20-22, 21-14].

The final nail! Priyanshu completed India's rout of Canada winning the final rubber. • BADMINTONPHOTO/COURTESY OF BWF

Verstappen triumphs, cuts gap at the top

Ferrari's Leclerc and Sainz complete the podium

MIAMI GP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MIAMI

World champion Max Verstappen resisted a late attack from series leader Charles Leclerc of Ferrari to claim victory for Red Bull in sweltering conditions at the inaugural Miami Grand Prix on Sunday.

Exhausting race

In a physically exhausting race for the drivers and teams at the Miami International Autodrome, the 24-year-old Dutchman produced a mature performance.

His second successive win and third of the season enabled him to trim Leclerc's advantage to 19 points in the drivers' championship. Leclerc has 104 and Verstappen 85. It was the 23rd win of the Dutchman's career.

Verstappen came home 3.786s ahead of Leclerc with Carlos Sainz third in the second Ferrari after holding off a late charge from Sergio Perez.

George Russell finished fifth after recovering from 15th on the opening lap to come home ahead of Mercedes teammate and seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton.

In a tactical race of attrition and many minor incidents, Russell made the most of a late Safety Car intervention when McLaren's Lando Norris collided with Pierre Gasly's Alpha Tauri to take a "free" pit stop for new tyres.

The final 10 laps produced more action than the previous 47 including another accident when Mick Schumacher of Haas collided with fellow German and four-time champion Sebastian Vettel's Aston Martin.

Valtteri Bottas of Alfa Romeo finished seventh ahead of Esteban Ocon and his Alpine teammate and two-time champion Fernando Alonso and Alex Albon, who was a fine 10th for Williams.

The results: 1. Max Verstappen (Red Bull) 1hr 34 min 24.258sec; 2. Charles Leclerc (Ferrari) at 3.786sec; 3. Carlos Sainz Jr (Ferrari) 8.229; 4. Sergio Perez (Red Bull) 10.638, 5. George Russell (Mercedes) 18.582; 6. Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) 21.368; 7. Valtteri Bottas (Alfa Romeo) 25.073; 8. Esteban Ocon (Alpine) 28.386; 9. Fernando Alonso (Alpine) 32.128; 10. Alexander Albon (Williams) 32.365; 11. Daniel Ricciardo (McLaren) 35.902; 12. Lance Stroll (Aston Martin) 37.026; 13. Yuki Tsunoda (AlphaTauri) 40.146; 14. Nicholas Latifi (Williams) 49.936; 15. Mick Schumacher (Haas) 1:13.305.

DNF: Guanyu Zhou (Alfa Romeo), Lando Norris (McLaren), Pierre Gasly (AlphaTauri), Sebastian Vettel (Aston Martin), Kevin Magnussen (Haas).

Standings: Drivers: 1. Charles Leclerc (Mon) 104 pts, 2. Max Verstappen (Ned) 85, 3. Sergio Perez (Mex) 66, 4. George Russell (GBR) 59, 5. Carlos Sainz Jr (Esp) 53, 6. Lewis Hamilton (GBR) 36, 7. Lando Norris (GBR) 35, 8. Valtteri Bottas (Fin) 30, 9. Estéban Ocon (Fra) 24, 10. Kevin Magnussen (Den) 15, 11. Daniel Ricciardo (Aus) 11, 12. Yuki Tsunoda (Jpn) 10, 13. Pierre Gasly (Fra) 6, 14. Fernando Alonso (Esp) 4, 15. Sebastian Vettel (Ger) 4, 16. Alexander Albon (Tha) 2, 17. Guanyu Zhou (Chn) 1, 18. Lance Stroll (Can) 1. **Constructors:** 1. Ferrari 157 pts, 2. Red Bull 151, 3. Mercedes 95, 4. McLaren 46, 5. Alfa Romeo 31, 6. Alpine 28, 7. AlphaTauri 16, 8. Haas 15, 9. Aston Martin5, 10. Williams 2.

Asserting himself: Verstappen pulled off his second successive and third win of the season. • AP

Facile win helps Milan restore lead

Atletico clinches Madrid Derby to close in on CL spot

EURO LEAGUES

REUTERS
VERONA

A Sandro Tonali double moved AC Milan one step closer to its first Serie A title in 11 years after it regained top spot with a 3-1 comeback victory at Hellas Verona on Sunday.

In the La Liga, a first-half penalty by Yannick Carrasco earned Atletico Madrid a 1-0 victory in a fiery Derby clash against champion Real Madrid on Sunday, as the host tightened its grip on a place in next season's Champions League.

Diego Simeone's side remains fourth in the standings on 64 points, six clear of Real Betis in fifth, and with three games left to play. The top four qualify for the Champions League next season.

Important results: Serie A: Verona 1 (Faraoni 38) lost to AC Milan 3 (Tonali 45+3, 50, Florenzi 86).

La Liga: Villarreal 1 (Lo Celso 86) drew with Sevilla 1 (Kounde 90+5); Atletico Madrid 1 (Carrasco 40-pen) bt Real Madrid 0.

Bundesliga: Bayern Munich 2 (Mavropanos 35-og, Mueller 44) drew with Stuttgart 2 (Tomas 8, Kalajdzic 52); Leipzig 4 (Silva 40, Nkunku 48, 57, Forsberg 64-pen) bt Augsburg 0.

Marksman: Tonali nets his second for AC Milan. • REUTERS

Ambika and Shivaji create new records

Alva's Sports Club crowned the overall champion

ATHLETICS

SPORTS BUREAU

V. Ambika and Shivaji P.Madappagoudra set new meet records as the two- day Karnataka State Athletics Championship drew to a close in Udupi on Monday.

Ambika created a new State record in women's shot put with a throw of 14.09m, eclipsing Reena Rodrigues' 13.74m set in 2004. Shivaji's feat was achieved in 5000m in the boys' U-20 category, as he completed the race in 14:52.6s, shattering K.M. Chinnappa's timing of 15:07.3s set way back in 1992.

Alva's Sports Club was crowned the overall champion.

The results (winners only): Men: 200m: Abhin B. Devadiga (Udupi) 21.28s; **1500m:** Vishwambhar Kolekar (Fusion Athletics) 3:58.2; **10000m:** Narsingh Patel (SAI, Bengaluru) 32:14.3; **400m hurdles:** Rakshith (SDM Sports Club Ujire) 54.16; **3000m steeplechase:** Parashuram Gasti (Mysuru) 9:50.4.

High jump: G. Chethan (Alva's SC) 2.10m; **Long jump:** B. Naveen (DYES senior sports hostel) 7.32m; **Shot put:** B. Manush (Mysuru) 16.33m; **Javelin:** Sandesh R. Naik (UK) 60.18m; **10km race walk:** Kiran P. Lohar (Belagavi) 2:35.6s.

Women: 200m: N.S. Inchara (Bengaluru) 24.37s; **1500m:** E.B. Arpitha (Bengaluru) 4:38.0; **10000m:** K.M. Archana (Mysuru) 43:23.3; **400m hurdles:** T.R. Sinchal Kaveramma (Fusion Athletics) 1:03.1; **3000m steeplechase:** S.D. Shahin (Dharwad) 11:39.2.

High jump: Abhinaya S. Shetty (Alva's SC) 1.77m; Long jump: B. Aishwarya (Fusion Athletics) 6.12m; **Shot put:** V. Ambika (Mysuru) 14.09m (NMR, OR: Reena Rodrigues, 13.74m, 2004); **Javelin:** Karishma Sanil (Udupi) 50.10m.

Boys: U-20: 200m: C.H. Rihan (SAI) 22.14s; **1500m:** K. Lokesh (Bengaluru Urban) 4:11.2; **5000m:** Shivaji P.Madappagoudra (Bengaluru Urban) 14:52.6 (NMR, OR: K.M. Chinnappa, 15:07.3, 1992); **400m hurdles:** Aryan Prajwal Kashyapa (MDAA Mysuru) 54.19; **3000m steeplechase:** Bheemashankar (Kodagu) 10:33.9.

High jump: Trilok Vodeyar (Bengaluru Urban) 1.85m; **Long jump:** Akhilesh (Udupi) 7.09m; **Shot put:** Ajay Ashok Mujawar (Bengaluru Urban) 16.37m; **Javelin:** Pramod Maruti (Bengaluru) 62.20m.

Girls U-20: 200m: V. Varsha (DK) 25.31s; **1500m:** Deepashree (Alva's College) 5:15.4; **5000m:** Aishwarya (Udupi) 24:35.47; **400m hurdles:** Shreeya Rajesh (Bhaladama Sports Foundation) 1:04.9; **High jump:** M.S. Sinchana (Alva's College) 1.71m; **Long jump:** M.S. Sinchana (Alva's College) 5.99m; **Shot put:** Nishel Delhina D'Souza (Mangalore Throwers DK) 10.20m; **Javelin:** Ramyashree Jain (DK) 42.70m.

Overall champion: Alva's Sports Club; **Team championship: Men:** Alva's; **Women:** Alva's; **Boys U-20:** DYES Senior Sports Hostel Bengaluru; **Girls U-20:** Alva's.

Best athlete: Men: Mijo Chacko Kurian (Alva's); **Women:** Likhitha (Alva's); **U-20 boys:** C.H. Rihan (SAI, Bengaluru); **U-20 girls:** V. Varsha (DK).

Indian team probables for CWG

TABLE TENNIS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The selection Committee formed by the Committee of Administrators (CoA) has picked the Indian table tennis team probables for the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

A press release from the CoA said: "A national training camp will be held from May 23 to 30 at the Padukone Dravid Centre for sports Excellence in Bengaluru.

"The panel of National selectors will announce the National team for the CWG after the camp."

The probables:

Men: Sharath Kamal, G. Sathiyan, Msanush Shah, S.F.R. Snehit, Manav Thakkar, Harmeet Desai, Sanil Shetty, Anirban Ghosh.

Women: Manika Batra, Archana Kamath, Akula Sreeja, Reeth Rishya, Sutirtha Mukherjee, Ayhika Mukherjee, Diya Chitale, Swastika Ghosh.

Lahiri ends tied sixth at Wells Fargo

Lahiri. • AFP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
POTOMAC (USA)

Two late bogeys ended Anirban Lahiri's title hopes as he carded a disappointing one-over 71 in the final round to finish tied sixth at the Wells Fargo Championship here on Sunday.

It was a creditable top-10 finish for Lahiri, his second of the season, but the Indian was understandably disappointed, having started the day at T-3.

Lahiri finished on three-under 277, five shots behind winner Max Homa, who clinched his second Wells Fargo Championship victory and fourth PGA Tour title after a closing 68.

"I would have liked to finish it better," Lahiri said.

Rupinder named captain for Asia Cup

HOCKEY

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Veteran drag-flicker Rupinder Pal Singh, who recently came out of retirement, will lead India at the Asia Cup as Hockey India on Monday announced a 20-member team for the upcoming tournament in Jakarta. Birender Lakra has been named deputy to Rupinder.

The prestigious event, which will be held from May 23 to June 1, is a World Cup qualifier.

Senior players like Manpreet Singh, Harmanpreet Singh and P.R. Sreejesh are giving the tournament a miss.

Both Rupinder and Lakra had announced their retirement after the Tokyo Games last year but made themselves available for selection later on.

It will be first assignment for former captain and two-time Olympian Sardar Singh as India coach.

India has been grouped with Japan, Pakistan and host Indonesia in pool A, while Malaysia, Korea, Oman and Bangladesh comprise pool B.

Rupinder Pal Singh. • FILE PHOTO: SANDEEP SAXENA

The squad: Goalkeepers: Pankaj Kumar Rajak, Suraj Karkera; **defenders:** Rupinder Pal Singh (capt.), Yashdeep Siwach, Abhisek Lakra, Birendra Lakra, Manjeet, Dipsan Tirkey.

Midfielders: Vishnukant Singh, Raj Kumar Pal, Mareeswaren Sakthivel, B.M. Sheshe Gowda, Simranjeet Singh.

Forwards: Pawan Rajbhar, Abharan Sudev, SV Sunil, Uttam Singh, S. Karthi.

Replacement players: Maninder Singh, Nilam Sanjeep Xess; **standbys:** Pawan, Pardeep Singh, Ankit Pal, Angad Bir Singh.

MP, Haryana among quarterfinalists

Punjab thrashes Chhattisgarh 6-0

SPORTS BUREAU

Five of the eight quarterfinalists at the 12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship were all but confirmed in Bhopal on day four on Monday as the expected winners played true to form in league matches for Pools A to E.

Host Madhya Pradesh beat Chandigarh 5-1 in Pool A to remain unbeaten in the three-team group with two wins in as many games and ensuring a top-eight finish.

Similar scenario

It was a similar scenario across other Pools that saw action on the day, with Haryana winning 7-1 against Assam in Pool B, Jyoti and Soni scoring a brace for the winner.

Also winning easily was Punjab in Pool C with a 6-0 victory against Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra registering a convincing 4-0 win against Rajasthan in Pool D and Jharkhand rounding off the proceedings with a 10-0 win against Andhra Pradesh in Pool E.

All the winning teams have finished their league games and remain unbeaten, assuring a quarterfinals spot for themselves.

The results:

Pool A: Madhya Pradesh 5 (Manisha Chauhan, Savita, Neelu Dadiya, Jyoti Pal, Neeraj Rana) bt Chandigarh 1 (Priyanka).

Pool B: Haryana 7 (Jyoti 2, Soni 2, Tannu, Priyanka, Bharti Saroha) bt Assam 1 (Sakshi).

Pool C: Punjab 6 (Navpreet Kaur 2, Navjot Kaur 2, Kirandeep Kaur, Sarabdeep Kaur) bt Chhattisgarh 0.

Pool D: Maharashtra 4 (Ankita Sapate, Chaitrali Gawde, Manashri Shedage, Pooja Shendage) bt Rajasthan 0.

Pool E: Jharkhand 10 (Roshni Dungdung 2, Albela Rai Toppo 2, Pramila Soreng 2, Subhasi Hemrom, Edlin Bage, Fulmani Bhenga, Betan Dungdung) bt Andhra Pradesh 0.

Chhetri interacts with North East cricketers

India's football captain was invited by the BCCI to the NCA

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About 150-odd cricketers from North East and other Ranji Plate teams, camping at the National Cricket Academy, got a pleasant surprise when India's football captain Sunil Chhetri dropped in after being invited by the BCCI.

The aim of NCA was to ensure that even cricketers from the region could connect with someone who enjoys an iconic status in the region and can narrate his own success story in club and international arena.

Chhetri did have his share of fun, taking part in fielding drills.

Chhetri did impress one and all with his smooth pick-up and throw during a fielding session as the campers watched in awe.

"He had a delightful fielding competition and shared some learnings from his own incredible journey in football with boys from north east and plate teams," BCCI tweeted.

Later Chhetri joined NCA head V.V.S. Laxman for a one-on-one session with the cricketers, who are having a skills training session at the NCA.

Pep talk: Chhetri interacts with cricketers from the North East with NCA head V.V.S. Laxman by his side • TWITTER@BCCI

Easy for Gokulam

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Ghanaian forward Elshaddai Acheampong struck twice as defending champion Gokulam Kerala FC downed Indian Arrows 2-1 in the Indian Women's League here on Monday. It took Elshaddai's tally to 13 goals, two ahead of teammate Manisha Kalyan.

In another fixture, Sirvodem Sports Club secured a 2-1 win over SSB Women Football Club.

The results: Gokulam Kerala FC 2 (Elshaddai Acheampong 36, 47) bt Indian Arrows 1 (Naorem Priyangka Devi 6); Sirvodem SC 2 (Sanfida Nongrum 32, Arpita Pednekar 62) bt SSB Women FC 1 (Sandhya Kachhap 60).